



Impact Report 2025

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A message from
Kristen Kolwelter
 Executive Director



As I reflect on 2025, I am filled with deep gratitude—for our participants, our supporters, and the incredible community that continues to stand beside the Cancer Support Center.

This past year was a powerful reminder that cancer does not pause—and neither can we. Amid uncertainty, rising costs, and a growing demand for services, the Cancer Support Center remained unwavering in its commitment to provide strength, guidance, and compassionate support at no cost to those impacted by cancer.

Because of you, we served more than **1,200 individuals**, delivered **600+ wellness programs**, and provided over **8,000 hours of support services**. These numbers represent far more than outcomes on a page. They reflect moments of connection, hope, healing, and dignity for individuals and families navigating one of life’s most difficult journeys.

One participant shared with us that after her husband’s cancer diagnosis, she felt completely unprepared for the emotional toll on her family—especially her children. “I was trying to be strong for everyone,” she said, “but inside, I was falling apart.” Through counseling, family programming, and a community that understood, she found space to breathe, to grieve, and to heal. “The Cancer Support Center didn’t just help us cope,” she told us. **“They helped us feel less alone when everything felt overwhelming.”**

Stories like hers are why we do this work.

In 2025, we focused not only on meeting an increasing demand for services but on doing so with care and intention—strengthening our programs, investing in our team, and ensuring access for those who need us most. **More than 50% of our participants face financial barriers**, reinforcing why our mission—and your support—matters now more than ever.

This work is only possible because of a collective commitment. I am deeply grateful to our donors, volunteers, board members, community partners, and staff, whose compassion and belief in this mission fuel everything we do. Your generosity allows us to continue saying “yes” to those who walk through our doors—whether they are newly diagnosed, in treatment, navigating survivorship, or grieving a loss.

As we look ahead, the Cancer Support Center remains committed to growth with purpose—expanding access, deepening impact, and ensuring that no one faces cancer alone.

Thank you for walking alongside us. Together, we are making a difference—one person, one family, one moment at a time.

With gratitude,

Kristen Kolwelter, Executive Director

Our *Mission*



Cancer Support Center exists to provide strength, guidance, and support to anyone impacted by cancer - whoever and wherever they are.

Our evidence-based programs and services are created and delivered personally, virtually and in ideal settings by professionals. Our resources are available and accessible to all through many communities, channels, and tools.

We are able to provide all of this at no cost to our participants near and far because of the dedication of our donors, benefactors, volunteers, and friends who know how critical this depth of support is for people to not just survive, but to thrive.



2025 BY THE NUMBERS

More than **1,200**

Individuals faced with cancer in our community received our services in 2025.



9,285

TOTAL PROGRAM VISITS



8,844

TOTAL HOURS OF ALL SERVICES



642

NEW PARTICIPANTS

Our Community

Thrives

Because You Care.

“My mom was diagnosed with stage 4 metastatic Melanoma when I was seven years old. It was really scary, and I had a lot of questions. The Cancer Support Center helped me realize I'm not the only kid that feels this way, and I'm not the only one struggling with a parent that's sick.”

-Easton, CSC Kid Participant



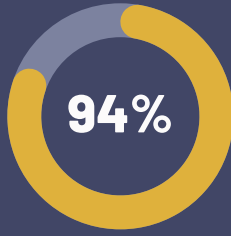
Our Vision

To be the source of hope, help, and strength that changes the lives of every person impacted by cancer.

SURVEY SAYS

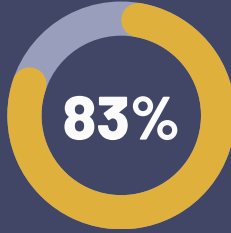
"I really benefited from counseling sessions!"

94% of participants surveyed stated they believed they made progress towards their therapy goals.



"Through CSC's Networking Groups, I Found the Compassion I needed."

83% of participants reported that attending networking groups helped them receive more emotional support.



"I Lost 10lbs in a Month!"

88% of participants stated that attending nutrition programs helped them become more mindful of eating healthier foods.



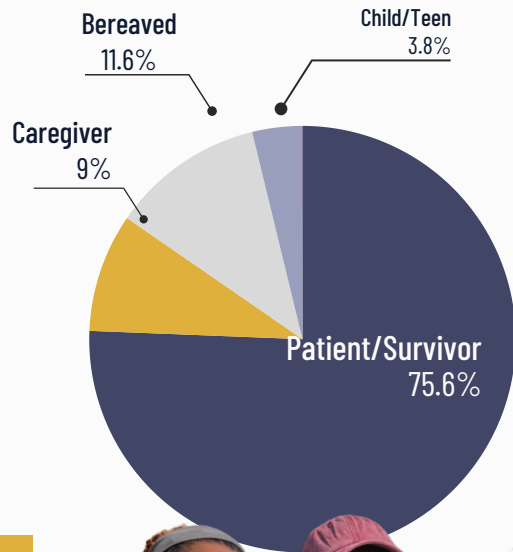
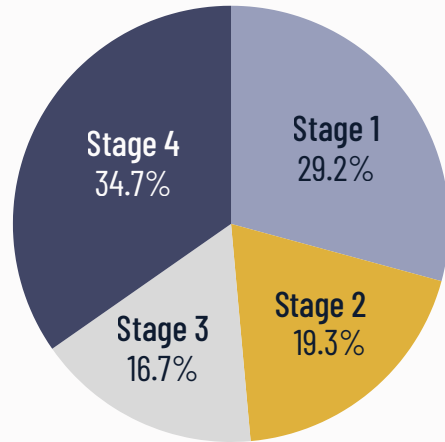
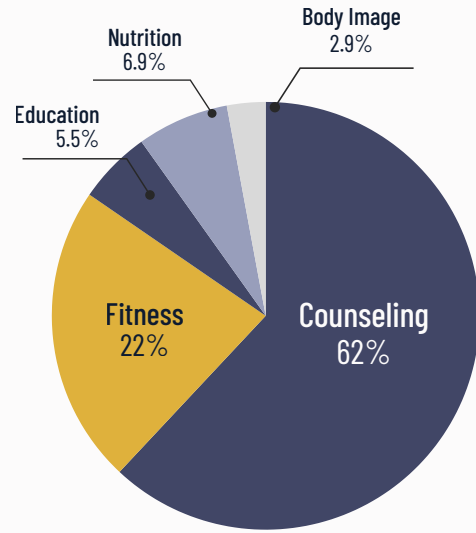
"I Found my Inner Calm and Strength!"

70% of participants reported feeling more peace by attending Art Therapy programs.



"Attending Fitness Classes has Kept Me Encouraged and Accountable."

69% of participants surveyed said that attending fitness programs has helped them to be more active.

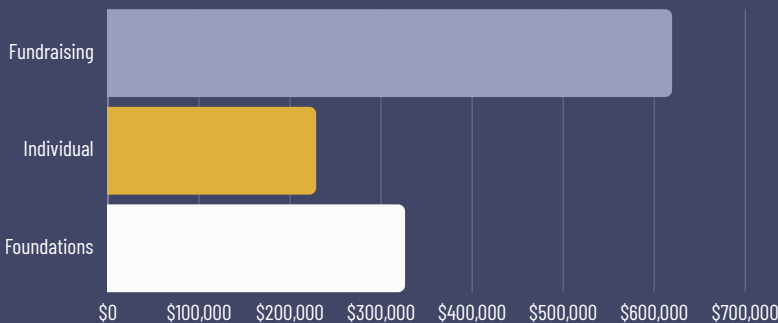


The Participant

Experience

2025 REVENUE SOURCES

We received no additional funding from government agencies.



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