

The Cayman Islands Cancer Society is a non-profit organization formed in 1995. The Society is funded through charitable donations and its fund-raising events. Our patrons are His Excellency The Governor Mr. Stuart Jack, CVO and Mrs. Jack and the Honourable Sybil McLaughlin, MBE, JP.

The mission of the Society is to increase awareness amongst the people of the Cayman Islands of cancer as a major health concern, to initiate positive change in all areas relating to cancer, to prevent the development of cancer and to counsel and support cancer patients and their families.

Our vision foresees a reduction in the incidence of cancer cases and an improvement in the quality of life for all those touched by cancer in the Cayman Islands through focusing on education and prevention programmes for children and adults, providing financial and counseling support to cancer patients and their families, facilitating a cancer survivor's network, reviewing matters of interest to the Society and initiating and lobbying for relevant changes through legislation and other means and finally enhancing cancer screening, diagnosis and treatment services.

Our Programs

Education & Information

The Society has a specific cancer awareness month eight months out of the year. During these months we collaborate with medical professionals from the Cayman Islands and other countries to present the most up to date research and information on the focus topic of the month. These programs are presented in age-appropriate formats to adults and children in work places, churches, schools and other community settings. The Society does not charge a fee to make these presentations but will be happy to accept donations for making these presentations. In addition the Society has a resource room with books, DVDs, brochures and a high-speed internet access. This room is open to all members of the public, free of charge, to research cancer-related matters.

Smoking Cessation Classes

The Society is pleased to offer smoking cessation classes free of cost to the public. These sessions are 6 week programs and are facilitated by trained specialists and other invited guests. Call the Society for dates and times of upcoming programs.

Home Care Equipment

We recognize that cancer patients would like to be at home with their family and friends during their illness. To help make this possible the Society lends home care equipment to cancer patients free of charge for the duration of their illness. Equipment available includes hospital beds, wheelchairs, oxygen concentrators, commodes, walkers and over bed tables.

Financial Assistance

The Society provides financial grants to cancer patients and their families for assistance with medical and other related expenses. Expenses that will be considered include doctor's fees, the cost of diagnosis and treatment such as imaging studies, chemotherapy, radiation therapy and medications. Associated expenses that will be considered are the cost of airline tickets if off-island treatment is necessary and accommodation expenses.

Application forms are available from the Cancer Society office. Each application is considered on an individual basis by the Society's Board of Directors according to specific eligibility criteria. Please request a brochure on this program and an application package if you would like more information.

Cancer Screening

The Society recognizes that early detection is the best prevention against developing cancer. The Cancer Screening programme is a collaboration between the Society and other organizations to provide vouchers for free cancer screening to men and women who do not have health insurance to cover the cost of these tests. Vouchers are available for colorectal cancer screening as well as for Pap smears, mammograms and PSA (prostate specific antigen) testing. Please contact the Cancer Society office to collect a voucher or test kit.

Counseling

Different stages along the cancer journey bring different emotions. The Society has professional counselors who volunteer their time and services to provide counseling to cancer patients, their family members and caregivers.

Persons wishing to book an appointment with a counselor can call our dedicated counseling telephone line and speak directly to a counselor. The number is 345-916-5860.

Cancer Care Scholarship

The Society would like all cancer patients in the Cayman Islands to receive the highest standard of cancer care possible.

The Society has a scholarship fund to provide training to a Caymanian registered nurse who wishes to pursue specialist training in the areas of oncology or palliative care. Details on the scholarship criteria are available from the Cancer Society office.

How to become involved

The Cayman Islands Cancer Society is an independent non-profit organization. It provides a number of programs and services including cancer awareness and prevention programs, screening, and financial and other assistance to cancer patients. You can support the society by becoming a member, making a donation, donating goods and services or volunteering your time.

Contact us

For more information on our programs and the Cayman Islands Cancer Society, we invite you to stop by and visit us between the hours of 8am and 5pm Monday thru Friday.

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