

Leaving a Legacy:

Our values live on through our \$1 million gift

It came out of the blue. What David Bohne thought was sciatica pain in 2006 turned out to be an inoperable Non-Hodgkin lymphoma in his hip that over the course of several months grew to the size of a football. "Most people who haven't had a serious brush with cancer cannot possibly understand the terror of facing one's own mortality," David says.

As luck would have it, David received a brand new FDA approved chemotherapy that had been developed in France, and his tumor began to shrink. Months later, he was able to complete his successful treatment with radiation. "Confronting death gave me a greater appreciation for life. Every day is a blessing."

Years later, David and his husband of 57 years, Thomas Bye, were so happy to hear about the Cancer Support Community (CSC) and to become supporters. "It brings me great joy knowing that others will be able to enjoy and benefit from their services for years to come, even though I wasn't able to myself," says David.

"And we are very pleased to support CSC's move to Lafayette as well. The new center will be so lovely and peaceful." David continues, "This community is so vital not only for those dealing with a cancer diagnosis but also relieves family and loved ones to a certain extent. It gives them a respite - they don't have to be the only ones helping you."

"When you're dealing with cancer early on, it's fighting time, not Hospice time. I was told my cancer was inoperable, but I was not ready to just give up. I wanted to fight and I'm so glad I did so that I can now help others in need."

It was this experience that motivated David and his husband Tom to include Cancer Support Community in their estate plans with an incredibly generous \$1 million legacy donation. We sat down with David and his husband, Tom, to ask them about their decision.

Why did you choose Cancer Support Community?

We chose CSC because of the wide variety of programs. Also, your team is highly competent, experienced and compassionate. CSC is open to experimenting with promising approaches and programs and the CSC campus is local and easily accessible.

How does CSC help patients and families?

CSC helps patients know they are not alone as they tackle the challenges of a diagnosis of cancer and also addresses the needs of family members. CSC helps deal with a cancer diagnosis in a human way that is missing in our medical system.

What type of impact do you expect from your gift?

We believe that our gift will ensure that CSC continues to provide much needed services by ensuring a stable financial future.

Why should others include CSC in their legacy plans?

We have seen firsthand how CSC programs have a powerful impact on both patients and families. Legacy gifts can provide significant estate planning benefits.

What does the word "legacy" mean to you?

Our gift is a great source of personal fulfillment. It makes a powerful statement because it allows our values to live on and is part of our story. Our gift helps us to know that our wishes and interests address the areas we feel are most important.



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Cancer Support Community is extremely grateful to David and Tom for their generous legacy gift and for ensuring that cancer patients and their loved ones will continue to receive the support they need for generations to come.