

Program Highlights

Exercise is an area most frequently identified by participants as one in which they need help

This year, two programs were added to address specific side effects of cancer treatment - **Exercise for Chemobrain and Exercise for Fatigue**.

Prostate Partners is a monthly psychoeducational program that provides support to men with prostate cancer and their spouses/significant others. This year a new component was added to specifically address needs of men newly diagnosed - within the last 6 months. This program is facilitated by a professional staff member and a cancer survivor to address questions about treatment decisions and help identify resources and support.

In June of 2017, a Prostate Cancer Forum was held in collaboration with Cleveland Clinic and University Hospitals Seidman Cancer Center with **100 participants in attendance**.

Education

The Gathering Place provides classes for over **400 health care students each year**. These **medical, nursing, social work and counseling students**, as well as **family practice residents**, come to The Gathering Place to learn about the needs of cancer survivors and the use of integrative therapies in meeting the psychosocial and physical needs of this population.

Research

The Gathering Place is a co-investigator with the Case Comprehensive Cancer Center in a **multi-million dollar National Institute of Health research project** studying the effects of exercise on older women with breast cancer. This **4-year study will include 321 women** who come to The Gathering Place for 20 weeks, 3 times a week for strength training classes and a control group that participates in a 20-week support/educational group.

Participant Satisfaction Survey

This year, we sent out a comprehensive satisfaction survey tool to over **2,000 participants with a return rate of 400 (20%)** which is viewed as an excellent response. The results were overwhelmingly positive. The survey responses also helped us learn what programs and services participants found most helpful and provided suggestions for future programming.

Participant Highlights

A total of **4,122 participants** walked through the doors of The Gathering Place for free programs and services - 2,748 of these individuals were new participants.

A total of **21,844 visits** were made to The Gathering Place by individuals diagnosed with cancer, and the family/friends of individuals diagnosed with cancer.

Financial Highlights

In 2016-17, The Gathering Place completed a **capital campaign that raised over \$600,000 to renovate and open a new space in Westlake**. This new space was named The Sandy Borrelli Center in celebration of Sandy Borrelli, a two-time cancer survivor, community advocate, champion and life time Board Member of The Gathering Place. The Gathering Place's new west side home is in Cuyahoga Community College Corporate College West.

