

Impact Report



2024
2025



Honor, Celebrate, Build



the GATHERING Place

SUPPORTING THOSE TOUCHED BY CANCER

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Letter from the CEO

Dear Friends:

As our 2024-25 fiscal closes and our 2025-26 begins, it is my great pleasure to reach out to update you on all that we were able to accomplish and include you in our plans for the future.

Thanks to the generous support of our donors, funders, and partners The Gathering Place was able to:

- provide 4,400 individuals cancer support programs and services at no cost
- launch our mobile unit to provide services to individuals in underserved communities
- expand our cancer support program and service offerings by 6% year over year

For 25 year, this agency has been blessed to have supporters who understand how important our services are to individuals and families coping with the impact of cancer. Without you, there is no us.

Since opening our doors, we have had the privilege of serving over 60,000 individuals who have been touched by cancer. We kicked off our 25th Anniversary yearlong celebration with over 2,700 of our faithful supporters at our 2025 Race for the Place in June, and that was just the start! This will be an event filled year, celebrating all the individuals who have walked through our doors and all the hard work that our staff, volunteers, and supporters have done to ensure that no one has to make this journey alone. A full list of Anniversary events is included in this report. Again, we hope you will be able to join us for all of these events.

As we look to 2025-26 and beyond, we will keep our mission as our "north star". We will continue to focus on providing high quality programs and services and to make the investments necessary to meet the growing and evolving needs of individuals and families coping with the impact of cancer. We hope that we can count on your continued support to allow us to make those investments and to ensure that our services remain free of charge.

Without you, there is no us.

Michele Seyranian
CEO



Agency Highlights



Mission

The Gathering Place is a caring community that supports, educates, and empowers individuals and families currently coping with the impact of cancer through programs and services provided free of charge.

2024-25 Services Statistics

Number of individuals served
4,409

Number of new participants
1,643

Number of program/ service interactions
17,943

2024/2025 Program Attendance

- Support Groups 2,267
- Movement/ Exercise 8,595
- Education 433
- TGP Kids 460
- Nutrition 623
- Creative Arts 426



Individual & Group Support



Exercise Programs



Exercise Programs



Children, Teen & Family
Programs

"The Gathering Place is for everyone.
No matter where you are in your journey,
you'll find support, understanding, and community here."
-Program Participant-

\$538,053

\$647,535

\$823,702



Events

- Race for the Place
- Golf Outing
- Battle of the Bartenders
- 3rd Party Fundraisers



Grant Funding

- General Operating Grants
- Program Restricted Grants



Individual Giving

- Annual Fund
- Participant Fund
- Memorial/Tribute Giving



Agency Revenue



"Kudos to The Gathering Place for offering specialized cancer support group opportunities where cancer patients and survivors can network and thrive."

- Program Participant -

Warehouse \$91,442

Participant Fund \$21,847

TGP Events \$390,362

Annual Fund \$730,152

External Events \$147,691

Business Development \$182,917

Tribute Giving \$71,702

Earned Income \$21,234

Grants \$655,889

Total Revenue \$2,313,176*

*based on pre-audited financial statements and are subject to change



H.O.P.E.

Healing. Opportunities. Peace. Empowerment.



Since its launch on May 7, 2025, H.O.P.E. has traveled hundreds of miles to libraries, churches, and community centers - each stop delivering dignity, comfort, and connection.

Inside H.O.P.E., The Gathering Place is able to offer private individual support, free wig fittings & wig services, healing arts, and virtual access to our program staff for specialized consultations. H.O.P.E. is also able to bring The Gathering Place's nutrition and movement sessions out into the community.

For more information on our all of The Gathering Place' mobile services visit:

<https://touchedbycancer.org/tgp-in-cle>



Fitness & Nutrition



Research shows that maintaining fitness during cancer treatment can significantly improve a patient's quality of life by reducing fatigue, anxiety, and depression, while also potentially enhancing the effectiveness of treatment by boosting the immune system and mitigating side effects like lymphedema.

Proper nutrition during cancer treatment plays a crucial role in helping patients tolerate treatment side effects, maintain energy levels, support the immune system, facilitate healing, & potentially improve overall treatment outcomes by ensuring the body has the necessary nutrients to fight cancer & recover from treatment.

Fitness & Nutrition

51%

Fitness & Nutrition Programs and Services represent 51% of the 17,943 interactions The Gathering Place had in 2024/25

"Following the superb presentation, I have resolved to insist that my oncologist inform all his patients about The Gathering Place offerings for exercise."

-Program Participant-



Survivorship



At The Gathering Place, we know that a cancer diagnosis doesn't end when treatment does. Survivorship is a journey - and it's one we're walking together with our community and our local hospitals.

Research shows that the time after treatment can be one of the most stressful parts of a cancer journey. Survivors need practical resources, emotional care, and community.

Through our programs like *Life After Cancer*, The Gathering Place is directly addressing the evolving needs of cancer survivors.

"When my treatment ended, I thought I should feel relieved. But I felt lost. The Gathering Place helped me find my way again. They gave me tools, community, and hope for what comes next."

-Program Participant-

Ohio Survivorship Rate

70%

This means that about 70% of people diagnosed with cancer in Ohio survive for at least five years. Five-year relative survival rates in Ohio have steadily increased since 1996.



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Save The Dates

OCTOBER 5, 2025 — 25TH ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE

OCTOBER 25, 2025 — BATTLE OF THE BARTENDERS

NOVEMBER 1, 2025 - PROSTATE CANCER FORUM

JANUARY 5, 2026 - OPENING OF WELLNESS CENTER

APRIL 18, 2026 — 25TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

JUNE 7, 2026 — RACE FOR THE PLACE