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Doug Webster

For those newly diagnosed, Doug's advice is simple yet profound: Listen to your doctors, get regular checkups, and hold onto hope. "Maintain an optimistic point of view regardless of how bad the prognosis is," he urges, knowing God works in mysterious ways. The park, he says, can be a sanctuary to express fears and hopes, a community to lean on. After nearly three decades, Doug faces his future with peace, grateful for each day.

To see the full story, scan the QR code or visit the "Survivorship" tab on our website.

Read more about Cancer Survivors Park and the Cancer Survivors Park Alliance inside!

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Letter from the President

As we close out an extraordinary year, I want to share my heartfelt gratitude for the generosity and energy that you've poured into the Cancer Survivors Park Alliance.

Thanks to you, CSPA can impact families, relationships, and this community we call home. Our mission — to engage, educate, empower, and enhance the lives of anyone affected by cancer — is enabled by your generosity.

Thanks to you, we raised more than $250,000 through our signature Sync for Survivors experience. These funds will have a direct impact on future park programming.

Thanks to you, our ability to create this programming has been enhanced with the addition of Lauren Allen Ricker to our staff as our new Program Coordinator. Lauren will be instrumental in helping us create on-site and online survivorship programs led by CSPA and in partnership with other survivorship communities.

Thanks to you, these programs, intended to support anyone touched by cancer, will be in place to complement medical treatment through programs "outside of the clinic."

The park itself continues to grow and will forever be a beautiful place to visit, but nature is notoriously unpredictable. After Hurricane Helene, it became evident that the Reedy River, which winds its way through our park, was slowly eroding the bank bordering the Healing Garden. While we have great and giving partners, our Alliance has come to the realization that timely fixes demand that we take on a financial and logistical burden.

As you consider your end-of-the-year tax-deductible contributions, consider our living park. New tax changes show there is a bigger tax benefit for charitable contributions made in 2025 than will be available in 2026.

Every visit to the park, every walk, ride, and moment beneath the Beacon of Hope, represents the collective care of a community that believes in healing together. CSPA will continue to "lean in" and expand access to survivorship education and lifestyle medicine resources for the benefit of survivors across the Upstate.

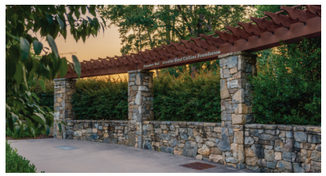
On behalf of the Board and staff of the Cancer Survivors Park Alliance, thank you for being part of this journey.

Warm regards,
Jeffrey K. Giguere, M.D., Board President

Park Updates

Beacon of Hope Dedication

The Beacon of Hope recently had an engraved stone placed in the floor under the Beacon's point that shares a poignant message: Dare we hope? We dare. Can we hope? We can. Should we hope? We must... We must, so we will honor the most precious of gifts, and leave the memory of a life lived to its fullest. Given in memory and celebration of the life of David M. Cline by his family.
Photo courtesy of Sam Inman



Founders Wall

Waiting is the hardest work of hope. – Lewis B. Smedes

CSPA wishes to thank all of our Founding Sponsors who have patiently waited for this special recognition area of the Capital Campaign to be recognized. Donors who participated in the Founders Wall at the giving level for recognition are in the process of being contacted. A final unveiling celebration is planned for Cancer Survivors Day in June 2026. CSPA is truly grateful for all donors.

Welcome, Lauren!

CSPA is thrilled to announce the addition of Lauren Allen Ricker as our new Program Coordinator. A graduate of Furman University and currently completing her Master's in Public Health, Lauren will be instrumental in achieving a vital CSPA goal to bring accessible survivorship education to the Upstate by connecting survivors with resources and implementing CSPA's own new programs to serve all those touched by cancer. Overseeing the design and delivery of CSPA's survivorship programming to expand community access, increase engagement, and support survivors, caregivers, and advocates throughout the Upstate is a primary function of Lauren's role. A Greenville native, Lauren is married to Griffin and has three loveable, lucky dogs.

What's New

Sync for Survivors 2025 Report

We didn't just meet our 2025 total… We BEAT it! Sync for Survivors 2025 brought a bigger crowd, louder cheers, and an unceasing rhythm of generosity that keeps us moving forward. We raised $250,000 this year! To our performers, volunteers, event team, and donors: Thank you for making it a chart topper!

Put our next big number on your calendar!
Sync for Survivors, August 22, 2026, at the Greenville Theatre.
If you are interested in being a 2026 performer, please call the CSPA office at **(864) 255-5010** to learn more.

Center for Hope and Healing (CHH) Open Hours

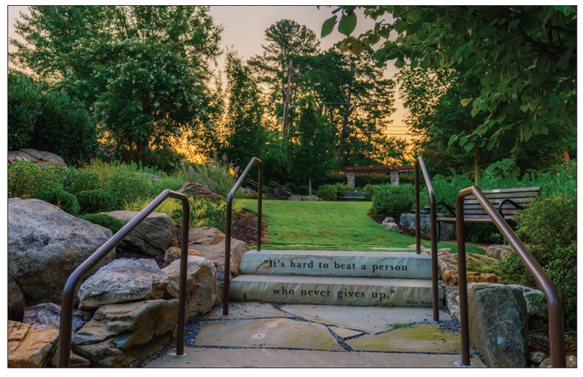
CSPA is piloting Open Hours for our CHH building on the trail through December 2025. In November and December, we will be open on Fridays from 11:00am–1:00pm, except for the days after Thanksgiving and Christmas. We plan to continue offering Open Hours into the new year and will share updates on our social media channels and in upcoming eblasts.

Programs

With our new Program Coordinator, Lauren Ricker, we're expanding programs to reach more people across the Upstate. Some programs to look forward to in 2026 include Music & Movement, Prevention and Wellness, and Tai Chi Chih. It's shaping up to be one of our most active years yet! Stay in the loop on upcoming programs at Cancer Survivors Park and events with other Upstate organizations by visiting **cancersurvivorspark.org/cancer-connections-calendar**.

Special Feature — The Gathering Space

The Gathering Space, In Celebration of James V. Geldhof, was generously donated by Craig and Vicki Brown and Jeff and Erin Geldhof Brown. This unique space of community welcomes visitors to a place of faith when in fear and togetherness when alone.



Founders Award

Congratulations to this year's recipient of the CSPA Founders Award!

Julie Cline

The CSPA Founders Award celebrates and recognizes an individual or organization that has reached the highest standard of service to the Cancer Survivors Park Alliance and the survivors it is designed to serve. This year's recipient, Julie Cline, is all of this and much more.

A lady of profound warmth, generosity, and plenty of spunk, Julie understands the power we can have to influence how we deal with the cancer journey — overcoming the hardships with grace and making each day count. Her tireless and significant support of the CSPA mission began in 1997 as one of the organization's first board members alongside her husband, David Cline, who was battling lung cancer. Their family's leadership gift, the iconic Beacon of Hope spire, is centrally located in the park and serves as a constant point of encouraging light that reflects Julie's joy and celebration of life that continues.

Left to right:
Kay Roper, CSPA Executive Director, and
Julie Cline, CSPA Founders Award Recipient

As a 501(C)(3) nonprofit, CSPA depends on the kind giving of individuals, community leaders, corporations, and foundations to support the park and the activities that help our friends and neighbors live better with cancer. Because of your support, cancer survivors and their families can attend weekly wellness classes, Music & Movement programs, and therapeutic fly-fishing classes in the park. They also have access to special Prevention and Wellness podcasts that feature experts on psycho-social, clinical, and lifestyle topics that help people live better as they survive cancer. We want to grow these opportunities, and our programs committee is always assessing unmet needs so we can address them, but we need your help to expand our reach.

Make an impact today

1. Complete the donation form on the enclosed remittance envelope
Please fill in your details and donation amount.

2. Place in envelope
Insert your completed form and donation into this envelope.

3. Mail it back
Simply seal, add a stamp, and drop it in the mail!

Other ways to donate:

- Support our gift shop and find meaningful gift ideas at **cancersurvivorspark.org**.
- Buy a boardwalk plaque in the park at **cancersurvivorspark.org/product-category/plaque**. Plaques are a great way to honor a survivor or loved one and offer a permanent place in the park to visit and reflect or celebrate.
- If you are interested in donating appreciated stock or making an estate or planned gift, please contact Executive Director Kay Roper at **(864) 444-8063**.

Scan the QR code to be taken directly to the Donate page.

Your generosity fuels our passion for our mission. Thank you for standing with us in empowering, uplifting, and inspiring survivors.