



GUAM CANCER TRUST FUND

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OVERVIEW

The Guam Cancer Trust Fund (GCTF) is a special fund created by Public Law 30-80 in 2010 and provides financial assistance to organizations that provide patient-directed services for the prevention of cancers, its treatment, diagnosis, and other services that may be required to access treatment, including, but not limited to, off-island transportation and temporary housing. Additionally, up to 10% of available funds are used for cancer education and outreach programs (P.L. 32-216). According to the founding legislation, (P.L. 30-80), 15% of taxes collected from tobacco taxes and placed into the Healthy Futures Fund is supposed to go towards funding the GCTF; and the University of Guam was given the responsibility to administer and manage the GCTF. Since its inception in 2010, the GCTF has received a total of \$27,011,001. (See Table 1 and Figure 1)

Financial assistance from the Guam Cancer Trust Fund is not directly provided to cancer patients. Rather, financial assistance is provided to non-profit and charitable organizations that provide cancer screenings, treatment and support services, cancer education and outreach programs. These organizations must apply for this funding. Since award year 2012, the Guam Cancer Trust fund has provided funding to several organizations who provided “direct services” to cancer patients (Table 2) and “education & outreach services” for cancer prevention and education (Table 3).



MESSAGE FROM THE 2023 CHAIR

RACHAEL T. LEON GUERRERO, Ph.D., RDN
DEAN, COLLEGE OF NATURAL AND APPLIED SCIENCES

"It has been my honor and privilege to serve as the Chair of the Guam Cancer Trust Fund Council for the past 5 years. As I transition to do other things, I am confident that the new Chair, Dr. Yvette Paulino, will continue to do the good work of this Council. I am so grateful for the sacrifice and outstanding service of all of the GCTF Council Members, who volunteer their time to review applications and provide guidance to the GCTF and our non-profit organizations. I especially want to thank the GCTF staff, Ms. Remylynn Yamanaka and Ms. Joann Paulino for their support and friendship over the years.

Biba GCTF!"



MESSAGE FROM THE INCOMING CHAIR

YVETTE C. PAULINO, Ph.D., CPH
DEAN, MARGARET PEREZ HATTORI-UCHIMA SCHOOL OF HEALTH

"Under the leadership of Dr. Rachael Leon Guerrero, GCTF restored professional and ethical standards in response to OPA Report No 19-08. I humbly accept the opportunity to carry on her legacy as the Council's incoming Chair. This report reflects two years of progress. Newly added sections include one that monitors the tracking of the level of appropriated funds (15% of tobacco taxes) pursuant to Public Law 30-80 and another section that summarizes findings from focus groups of cancer survivors conducted in 2024. Together with the Council members, we are committed to maintaining GCTF standards and advocating for the level of funding that is mandated by law. We will uphold the stewardship of GCTF funds so that our non-profit organizations can continue to provide the services desperately needed by our cancer patients."



FUNDING HISTORY

TABLE 1. FUNDING HISTORY OF GUAM CANCER TRUST FUND

BUDGET YEAR	HEALTHY FUTURES FUND (HFF) PROJECTION	APPROPRIATION REQUIRED BY PL 30-80*	ACTUAL APPROPRIATION (% OF HFF)	ALLOTMENT
2012	\$14,219,231	\$2,132,885	\$1,421,923 (9.9%)	\$2,553,230
2013	\$14,601,686	\$2,190,253	\$1,822,048 (12.4%)	\$1,548,741
2014	\$16,207,946	\$2,431,192	\$2,051,204 (12.6%)	\$1,375,253.90
2015	\$16,207,946	\$2,431,192	\$2,281,192 (14%)	\$1,570,008.90
2016	\$23,893,791	\$3,584,069	\$2,867,255 (12%)	\$1,433,627.40
2017	\$23,175,909	\$3,476,387	\$2,781,109 (11.9%)	\$2,549,349
2018	\$27,862,695	\$4,179,405	\$2,786,270 (10%)	\$3,018,030
2019	\$41,419,667	\$6,212,950	\$0	\$0
2020	\$41,517,022	\$6,227,553	\$1,000,000 (2.4%)	\$1,000,000
2021	\$42,748,091	\$6,412,213	\$1,000,000 (2.3%)	\$1,000,000
2022	\$42,820,945	\$6,423,141	\$3,000,000 (7%)	\$2,491,032
2023	\$40,116,775	\$6,017,516	\$3,000,000 (7.4%)	\$2,805,424
2024	\$33,032,269	\$4,954,840	\$3,000,000 (9%)	\$3,194,576

*P.L. 30-80 allocates 15% of the Healthy Futures Fund into the Guam Cancer Trust Fund.

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS TO GCTF (\$ MILLION)

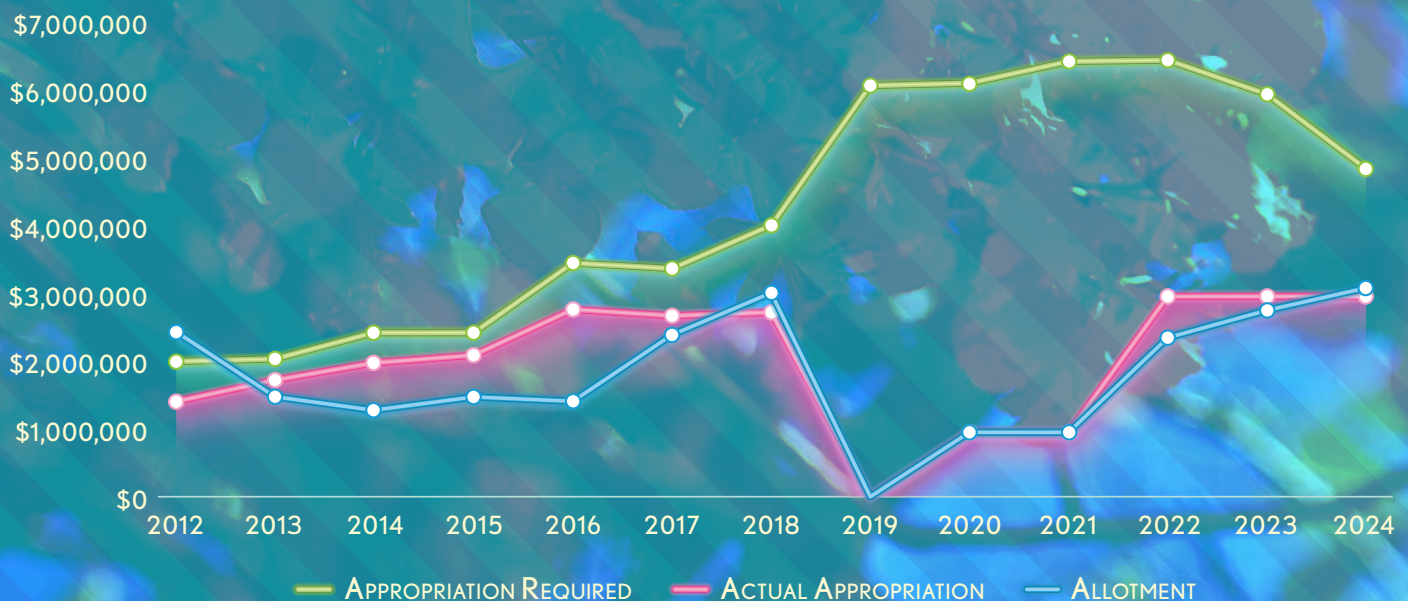


FIG. 1 GCTF APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE GUAM LEGISLATURE, FY2011–FY2023

TABLE 2. GCTF AWARDS FOR DIRECT SERVICES, FY2012–FY2024

FY 2012 AWARDEES	AWARDED
AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY	\$100,000.00
CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICE	\$26,250.00
GUAM CANCER CARE	\$500,000.00
FY 2013 AWARDEES	AWARDED
GUAM CANCER CARE	\$800,000.00
EDWARD M. CALVO CANCER FOUNDATION	\$150,000.00
UNIVERSITY OF GUAM CANCER RESEARCH CENTER	\$109,843.00
FY 2014 AWARDEES	AWARDED
GUAM CANCER CARE	\$800,000.00
AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY	\$170,000.00
EDWARD M. CALVO CANCER FOUNDATION	\$316,280.00
FY 2015 AWARDEES	AWARDED
EDWARD M. CALVO CANCER FOUNDATION	\$290,030.00
GUAM CANCER CARE	\$855,494.00
GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY	\$250,000.00
FY 2016 AWARDEES	AWARDED
GUAM CANCER CARE	\$866,662.00
GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY	\$500,000.00
AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY	\$91,650.00
EDWARD M. CALVO CANCER FOUNDATION	\$372,349.00
FY 2017 AWARDEES	AWARDED
EDWARD M. CALVO CANCER FOUNDATION	\$409,285.00
AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY	\$110,975.00
GUAM CANCER CARE	\$763,826.00
UOG CANCER RESEARCH CENTER HPV	\$253,658.00
UOG COLLEGE OF NATURAL AND APPLIED SCIENCES	\$126,709.00
FY 2018 AWARDEES	AWARDED
AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY	\$158,332.00
GUAM CANCER CARE	\$984,204.00
GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY	\$400,000.00
EDWARD M. CALVO CANCER FOUNDATION	\$468,395.00
FY 2019 AWARDEES	AWARDED
AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY	\$242,846.00
GUAM CANCER CARE	\$865,842.00
CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICE	\$513,516.22
FY 2020 AWARDEES	AWARDED
AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY	\$293,250.00
AYUDA FOUNDATION	\$671,480.00
EDWARD M. CALVO CANCER FOUNDATION	\$795,000.00
GUAM CANCER CARE	\$823,550.00
FY 2021 AWARDEES	AWARDED
AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY	\$127,890.00
EDWARD M. CALVO CANCER FOUNDATION	\$345,000.00
CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICE	\$313,409.00
FY 2022 AWARDEES	AWARDED
AYUDA FOUNDATION	\$679,223.00
EDWARD M. CALVO CANCER FOUNDATION	\$660,000.00
GUAM CANCER CARE	\$905,223.41

FY 2023 AWARDEES	AWARDED
AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY	\$367,425.00
AYUDA FOUNDATION	\$652,434.00
CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICE	\$185,579.61
EDWARD M. CALVO CANCER FOUNDATION	\$594,000.00
GUAM CANCER CARE	\$905,223.41
TODU GUAM	\$ 597,540.00
FY 2024 AWARDEES	AWARDED
AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY	\$70,667.50
AYUDA FOUNDATION	\$610,650.00
CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICE	\$130,000.00
EDWARD M. CALVO CANCER FOUNDATION	\$660,000.00
GUAM CANCER CARE	\$1,168,184.00
TODU GUAM	\$1,015,738.00

TABLE 3. GCTF AWARDS FOR EDUCATION & OUTREACH SERVICES, FY2016–2024

FY 2016 AWARDEES	AWARDED
SANTA TERESITA CATHOLIC CHURCH	\$49,966.00
UOG SCHOOL OF EDUCATION	\$42,699.00
UOG PROFESSIONAL & INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS/ SCHOOL OF EDUCATION	\$71,614.00
SANTA TERESITA CATHOLIC CHURCH	\$71,614.00
UOG CANCER RESEARCH CENTER	\$71,614.00
FY 2017 AWARDEES	AWARDED
UOG PROFESSIONAL & INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS/ SCHOOL OF EDUCATION	\$144,110.00
UOG PROFESSIONAL & INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS	\$47,250.00
SANTA TERESITA CATHOLIC CHURCH	\$47,250.00
FY 2018 AWARDEES	AWARDED
UOG PROFESSIONAL & INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS	\$60,154.00
SCIENCE IS FUN AND AWESOME	\$109,400.00
FY 2019 AWARDEES	AWARDED
GUAM CANCER CARE EDUCATION AND OUTREACH	\$101,000.00
UOG PROFESSIONAL & INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS	\$101,000.00
UOG CANCER RESEARCH CENTER	\$32,130.00
FY 2020 AWARDEES	AWARDED
GUAM CANCER CARE EDUCATION AND OUTREACH	\$81,567.50
FY 2021 AWARDEES	AWARDED
SANTA TERESITA CATHOLIC CHURCH	\$27,734.59
FY 2022 AWARDEES	AWARDED
GUAM CANCER CARE EDUCATION AND OUTREACH	\$95,943.50
FY 2023 AWARDEES	AWARDED
GUAM CANCER CARE EDUCATION AND OUTREACH	\$95,943.50
SANTA TERESITA (KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS)	\$25,000.00
FY 2024 AWARDEES	AWARDED
GET HEALTHY GUAM COALITION	\$32,550.00
GUAHAN SUSTAINABLE CULTURE	\$55,810.00
PAYLESS MARKETS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION	\$87,189.44
SANTA TERESITA CATHOLIC CHURCH	\$25,000.00

CANCER SURVIVORSHIP ON GUAM: TYPES OF SUPPORT AVAILABLE

Focus Group Conducted by Dr. Tricia Lizama, Ph.D.

Since 2012, the Guam Cancer Trust Fund (GCTF) has awarded more than \$27 million to non-profit organizations to provide direct services to cancer patients and education and outreach services for cancer prevention in Guam. To assess if GCTF had any impact on the availability of support to cancer survivors over the years, the GCTF Council worked with a qualitative researcher to conduct focus groups with cancer survivors living in Guam. The focus group discussions, approved by the University of Guam Committee on Human Research Subjects (CHRS#: IRB-24-73), were GCTF's initial effort to better understand the needs and challenges of recently diagnosed cancer patients living in Guam.

APPROACH

- Two focus groups facilitated by a trained counselor
- 16 cancer survivors (12 females, 4 males)
- Diagnosed between January 2018 and September 2024
- Age range: 30-82 years

KEY FINDINGS

- Six of eight (75%) of non-profit organizations providing direct services and awarded since 2018 were acknowledged during the focus groups.
- Themes that emerged from discussions included medical, physical, spiritual, emotional, and financial support, as well as barriers to cancer care.

SELECTED RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CANCER SURVIVORS

- Offer more support and services (e.g., specialized support groups, self-care, crisis hotline, off-island navigation, etc.) for survivors, caregivers, and families.
- Improve communication and awareness (e.g., explaining treatment process & side effects, describing what support and services are available, having a one-stop navigation system, understanding medical charges, preparing medical power of attorney, etc.).
- Offer more options for financial assistance and affordable (interest free) payment plans.
- Increase the number of oncologists on island and improve continuity of care.

If you would like a copy of the focus group report, please email gctf@triton.uog.edu or call (671) 735-0109.

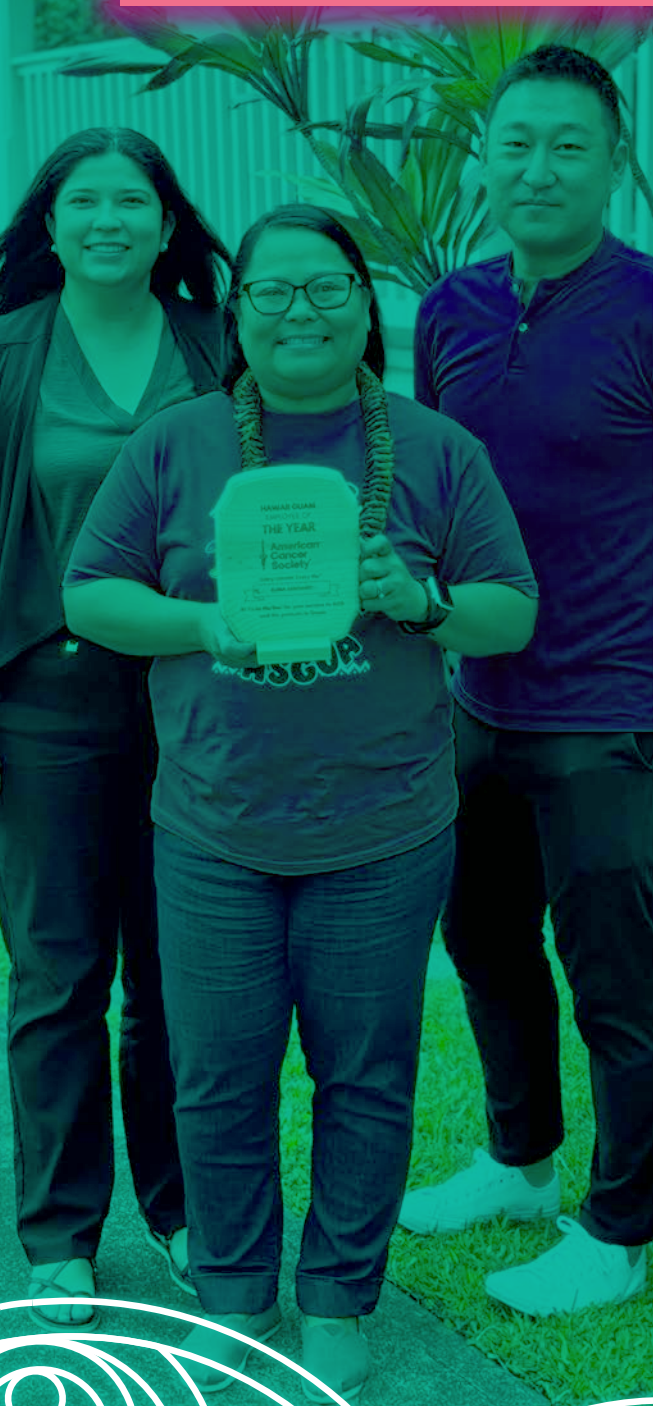
BARRIERS TO CARE & TREATMENT



RECOMMENDATIONS FROM SURVIVORS



AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY



The American Cancer Society is the leading cancer-fighting organization with a vision to end cancer as we know it for everyone. The mission of the American Cancer Society is to improve the lives of people with cancer and their families through advocacy, research, and patient support, to ensure everyone has an opportunity to prevent, detect, treat, and survive cancer. The American Cancer Society is the largest funder of cancer research grants in the United States outside of the federal government, investing more than \$5B over 75 years. We launch innovative, high-impact research to find more – and better – treatments, uncover factors that may cause cancer, and improve the quality of life for people facing cancer. Our regional and local offices are organized to engage communities in the cancer fight, while delivering lifesaving programs and services to cancer patients and their families.

FY 2023 DELIVERABLES:

- Served 525 patients
- Provided 3,267 services to patients and their families
- GCTF funding allowed us to provide: 803 Gift Items – including head coverings (wigs/hats/scarves), post-surgical breast cancer supplies (breast prosthetics, post-surgical bras, and post-surgery pillows).
 - 65 patients received lodging reimbursements up to \$1,500
 - 63 patients received airfare reimbursements up to \$1,500
 - 1,800 gas cards (\$50 value each) were provided to help patients get to and from their oncology appointments.
- 421 Cancer Information Resources were distributed – includes Personal Health Managers, Cookbooks, Breast Cancer Books, Caregiving Books

FY 2024 DELIVERABLES:

- Served 556 patients
- GCTF funding allowed us to provide: 309 Gift Items – including 232 head coverings (42 wigs/wig liners and 190 hats/scarves) and 77 post-surgical breast cancer supplies (22 breast prosthetics, 20 post-surgical bras, and 35 post-surgery pillows).
 - 2,161 gas cards (\$50 value each) were provided to help patients get to and from their oncology appointments.
- 527 Cancer Information Resources were distributed – includes 252 Personal Health Managers, 157 Cookbooks to provide nutrition support during chemotherapy, 13 Breast Cancer Books, 10 Caregiving Books, and other ACS brochures providing patients with information and guidance to navigate a cancer diagnosis.
- Lodging and Airfare Reimbursements were not approved for grant funding in 2024.

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AYUDA FOUNDATION



Formed in 1996, Ayuda Foundation is a locally incorporated and federally registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Ayuda Foundation's overall mission is to "Deliver medical, humanitarian, and development assistance throughout the Pacific region".

For Guam, one of Ayuda Foundation's programs is the Wings for Life-Cancer Assistance Program (WFL-CAP). The mission of WFL-CAP is to provide air transportation for medically-referred cancer patients and/or a caregiving escort for off-island cancer treatment.

FY 2023 DELIVERABLES:

- (Oct. 1, 2022 - Sept. 30, 2023), WFL-CAP purchased 303 airline tickets for cancer patients and/or their caregiver escorts.

FY 2024 DELIVERABLES:

- (Oct. 1, 2023 - Sept. 30, 2024), WFL-CAP purchased 418 airline tickets for cancer patients and/or the caregiver escorts.

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CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICE

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Agana, Inc., DBA Catholic Social Service (CSS), was incorporated in April 1979 and, over the past forty-six (46) years, has provided direct community services to individuals and families experiencing catastrophic medical conditions as well as life-long disabling conditions including respite services for unpaid caregivers. The Enkatgão Project allows CSS to further expand its community services to a specific population of cancer patients while supporting their caregivers.

The mission of Catholic Social Service is to encourage development of the spiritual, intellectual, economic and social well-being of families, persons with disabilities, abused adults and children, the elderly, the homeless and other ins in need. We will respect the dignity of persons of all ages. We will collaborate with others to find the best way to service our community.

FY 2023 DELIVERABLES:

- Provided services to 63 unduplicated consumers
- The Units of Service for Homemaker Services (HM) was 1,740, Personal Care (PC) 5,153, Chore Service (CH) 5,832
- Totals for HM/PC/CH was 10,958 Units of Service
- Units of service increased by 4,850 compared to last year due to the increase in new consumers

FY 2024 DELIVERABLES:

- Provided services to 55 unduplicated clients
- Provided 10,603 Units of Service
- Units of Service include Home Maker Services (HM) at 1,809, Personal Care Services (PC) at 3,817, Chore Services (CH) at 4,977
- It is noteworthy to mention that the Program paused services from June 2024 until December 2024

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EDWARD M. CALVO CANCER FOUNDATION



The Edward M. Calvo
CANCER FOUNDATION
"GUAM IS GOOD."

The Edward M. Calvo Cancer Foundation has served our local cancer community for over 20 years. The Foundation's Patient Services Program provides grants to cover the excess cost of regular appointments, surgery, radiation therapy, chemotherapy, medication, labs/imaging and other treatment. Patients may also use the funds to cover certain expenses that are not normally covered by medical insurance, such as nutritional supplements, airfare, ground transportation, medical equipment, rehabilitation items, short-term housing while traveling off-island for treatment and home care. The Foundation acknowledges that the duration of an individual's battle with cancer often spans beyond a single year. Therefore, recipients may apply for grants once in any 12-month period for consecutive years.

The Foundation's mission is to provide financial grants to those battling cancer in Guam. Living with cancer can take a physical, financial, and emotional toll on an individual and we aim to help alleviate some of these burdens.

FY 2023 DELIVERABLES:

- Patient Services / Financial Grants \$ 563,000.00
- Administrative Costs / Salary \$30,135.13
- TOTAL: \$593,135.13

FY 2024 DELIVERABLES:

- Patient Services / Financial Grants \$621,000.00
- Administrative Costs / Salary \$38,901.69
- TOTAL: \$659,901.69

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GET HEALTHY GUAM COALITION

Founded in 2005, the Get Healthy Guam Coalition (GHGC) is a nonprofit organization focused on prevention and community health education. Originally offering nutrition and fitness programs to help individuals manage chronic health conditions, GHGC has since evolved into a resource-based organization that develops accessible health literacy materials through collaborative partnerships. Past initiatives include diabetes prevention, anti bullying, youth resilience, and current efforts to raise awareness about secondhand smoke and youth advocacy through a short educational film supported by the Guam Cancer Trust Fund.

The Get Healthy Guam Coalition is a community-based collaborative organization dedicated to empowering individuals and communities to embrace healthy lifestyles. Our mission is to raise awareness, educate, and motivate people—especially young people—to make positive health choices. Through our efforts, we aim to inspire a ripple effect of health and hope that enriches families and strengthens community well-being. Our current focus is on developing accessible health prevention resources that support this mission.

FY 2024 DELIVERABLES:

- Initiated planning for an educational short film, *The Girl Behind the Law*, focused on secondhand smoke, youth advocacy, and protecting vulnerable populations
- Recruited a creative team and began early coordination for film development

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GUAHAN SUSTAINABLE CULTURE



To provide local produce to the community and teach families how to grow their food.

To cultivate ideas and strategies of environmental sustainability within our local community through practical education, social engagement, and collaborative partnerships. GSC believes that environmental sustainability translates into the well-being of our island community.

FY 2024 DELIVERABLES:

- Provided 85 clients with local produce

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GUAM CANCER CARE

Guam Cancer Care was created for the primary purpose of bridging the gaps in services that our local cancer patients face. Guam Cancer Care is a one-stop shop for FREE direct support services for cancer patients. Our programs cover the vast spectrum of direct support services needed by cancer patients. Guam Cancer Care collaborates with every single cancer provider and cancer support organization (i.e., cancer clinic on Guam, all other cancer non-profit organizations) to provide direct support services to Guam residents afflicted by cancer. Our mission is to provide cancer care assistance to ALL individuals afflicted by cancer. Through navigation and advocacy, we strive to provide enhanced assistance throughout the screening and treatment process. Additionally, by minimizing barriers to financial assistance, cancer education, and other support services, we ensure patient satisfaction throughout the continuum of cancer care.

FY 2023 DELIVERABLES

Direct Services:

- Patient Navigation - Registered 316 newly diagnosed cancer patients; 1,140 total active patients serviced by 4 navigators at 285 patients per navigator
- Financial Assistance - 309 patients awarded Financial Assistance Program with \$116,336.98 paid to cancer providers
- Patient Services - 3,809 supplies (nutritional supplements, incontinent supplies, durable medical equipment and vitamin supplements) released to 1,310 patients
- Patient Transport - 310 patients transported, total mileage: 10,375 miles at 33.47 per patient
- Cancer Support Group - Held 3 support groups on 4/22/23, 8/12/23, and 10/28/23 serving a total of 106 patients and caregivers
- Cancer Screening and Prevention - Reached 27,712 community members, recruited 101 members for screening services, and conducted 2,402 cancer risk assessments/cancer screening questionnaires

Education and Outreach:

- Cancer Education - Reached 804 students in elementary/middle school on dangers of tobacco/vape products and 3,070 parents, teachers and community members on cancer prevention, screening, and services
- Cancer Outreach - Social media cancer outreach awareness campaigns - reached 558,121 community members; Join the Fight Pledge - signed 79 new community/business partners to share the importance of cancer prevention

FY 2024 DELIVERABLES

Direct Services:

- Patient Navigation - Registered 307 newly diagnosed cancer patients; 1,315 total active patients serviced by 4 navigators and 1 patient services coordinator at 263 patients per navigator
- Financial Assistance - 442 patients awarded \$498,150.54 paid to cancer providers
- Patient Services - 5,171 supplies released to 1,640 patients
- Patient Transport - 454 patients transported, total mileage: 12,571 miles at 27.69 per patient
- Cancer Support Group - Cancer Support Group - Held 3 support groups on 4/20/24, 7/20/24, and 10/19/24 serving a total of 125 patients and caregivers
- Cancer Screening and Prevention - Reached 12,187 community members, recruited 42 members for screening services, and conducted 2,084 cancer risk assessments/cancer screening questionnaires

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PAYLESS MARKETS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



Payless Markets Community Foundation applied for funding from the Guam Cancer Trust Fund for FY 2024 to support the development of psycho-oncology support services for the Guam community through a new initiative called Circle of Care Cancer Support and Psycho-Oncology Services. The goal of Circle of Care is to offer comprehensive psycho-oncology support services for cancer patients and their families, including: (1) weekly online cancer support groups (every Tuesday evening from 6:00 to 8:00 pm on Zoom); (2) bimonthly in-person cancer support groups (the first and third Saturday of every month from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm); (3) integrative oncology health and wellness services addressing cancer prevention, cancer diagnosis and treatment, oncology nutrition, exercise and movement, sleep hygiene, stress management, mind-body practices, art therapy, music therapy, and related topics; (4) individual and family psycho-oncology counseling and patient navigation services; and (5) peer support services. All services are provided free of charge.

The Mission of the Payless Markets Community Foundation is to improve the quality of life for residents of Guam in the areas of health, education, social services, and the environment. The goal of the Circle of Care Program is to provide cancer support and psycho-oncology services to cancer patients and their families on island.

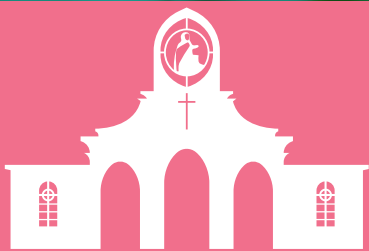
FY 2024 DELIVERABLES:

- Provided support groups and psycho-oncology services.
 - Weekly two-hour online support group sessions for sharing amongst cancer patients and caregivers
 - Online sessions provided a variety of guest speakers who share relevant information to those impacted by cancer.
 - Bi-monthly three-and-a-half-hour in-person support group sessions offered group sharing, art for healing, oncology nutrition, restorative yoga for cancer, as well as group consultations with Guam's medical and radiation oncologists
 - Close friendships developed between participants on similar journeys with cancer in a safe and welcoming environment
 - Services provided emotional and psychological outlet and an opportunity to socialize, share information, life stories, challenges and breakthroughs while living with cancer
 - Provided individual and family psycho-oncology counseling sessions and patient navigation services to cancer patients, survivors, and family caregivers seeking more individualized support
- Circle of Care's cancer support groups and psycho-oncology sessions have quickly become an established part of the island's cancer care community within the first year
 - Brought together participants struggling with a wide range of cancers (including breast, prostate, colorectal, bladder, lung, skin, pancreatic, thyroid, throat, thymoma, thymic carcinoma, and multiple myeloma)
 - Served a total of 147 participants with a cumulative attendance of 796 across all Circle of Care services, including: 31 online cancer support group sessions; 14 in-person cancer support group sessions; and 102 individual and family psycho-oncology counseling sessions

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SANTA TERESITA CATHOLIC CHURCH (KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS)

Identifying new and effective ways to keep our community engaged, mentally fit, and physically active year-round.

Providing opportunities for family to engage in fitness, healthier eating, and faith. In doing so, the program helped to keep people healthy and active in mind, body, and spirit. The "Six F's" program helped to nurture areas that must be consistently cared for: mental health, family time, and physical well-being.

"Empowered by the spirit of Santa Teresita, our parish exists to serve, strengthen, and nourish the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of the Church community of God. In doing so, it carries the light of Christ and light of love in this ever-changing world."

FY 2023 DELIVERABLES (KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS):

- Over 200 individuals participated in grant activities

FY 2024 DELIVERABLES:

- Accommodated at least 75 participants in the weekly activities

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TODU GUAM FOUNDATION



**Todu Guam
Foundation**

The Todu Guam Foundation is a locally and nationally recognized 501c3 nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the overall well-being of Guam's underserved populations through compassionate outreach, comprehensive health services, and educational initiatives. Since its inception, the Foundation has remained focused on removing barriers to care and addressing the unique health challenges facing island residents, particularly women and families.

To provide compassionate, holistic, and accessible healthcare, education, and social support services that empower individuals and strengthen island communities.

FY 2023 DELIVERABLES:

- Focused primarily on cervical cancer screening and HPV vaccination, ensuring all eligible women and adolescents received counseling, education, and access to vaccines and pap smears during routine visits.
- Conducted targeted education and outreach on cervical cancer prevention and the importance of HPV vaccination and cervical cancer screening, reaching over 1000 individuals through community workshops and health fairs.
- Provided cervical cancer screenings to eligible women, with a focus on early detection in rural and high-risk populations.
- Distributed over 1,000 educational brochures on HPV, cervical cancer, and preventive care, available in English to ensure community awareness.
- Established a foundation for HPV vaccination integration in clinical settings, ensuring that eligible pediatric and adolescent patients received the vaccine during routine visits, enforcing focus on the uninsured population.
- Strengthened community partnerships with local and national health organizations to promote cervical health and encourage regular screening.

FY 2024 DELIVERABLES:

- Hired one new OB/GYN physician to enhance the program's capacity to provide comprehensive reproductive health care, including routine gynecological exams, family planning, and advanced screening services.
- Continued efforts to increase HPV vaccination uptake among eligible patients, with a goal to increase rates by at least 25% through ongoing education, community outreach, and reminders in clinical settings.
- Conducted 42 colposcopy and colposcopy biopsy procedures, followed by consultation and diagnosis to put patients on the appropriate pathways for follow up care.
- Participated in 15 cancer prevention education and outreach events, focusing on both cervical health and expanding into lung and colon cancer education, reaching underserved populations in both urban and remote areas.
- Launched a digital public health campaign targeting women aged 21–65 with information on cancer screenings, prevention tips, and local resources via social media, text messages, and other digital platforms.
- Expanded data collection and patient tracking systems to better monitor participation in cancer screenings, vaccination rates, and patient outcomes.
- Strengthened relationships with public health agencies, nonprofits, and local clinics to create more seamless referral networks and enhance the sustainability of cancer prevention efforts.

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