

LOS ANGELES POLICE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

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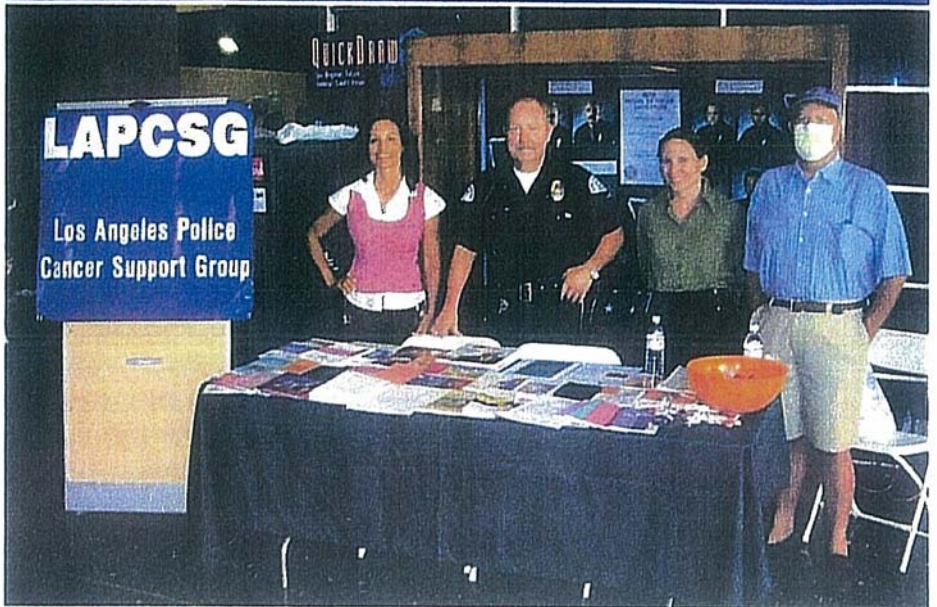
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OUR MISSION

The mission of the cancer support group is simple:

The mission of the Los Angeles Police Cancer Support Group (LAPCSG) is to provide the Law Enforcement community, sworn and civilian, active and retired, and their families with a place to start when diagnosed with cancer. The LAPCSG offers understanding, strength and support as well as access to educational information as we live with cancer and its effects on our family and each other.

Through our common bond, we offer strength and hope through our own experiences surviving and dealing with the various effects of cancer.

Through our common bond, we educate our Law Enforcement family members regarding the importance of cancer prevention, early detection, screening and the importance of routine physical examinations.

Through our common bond, we provide awareness that cancer does not have to be dealt with alone and is survivable.

Only through our common bond can we accomplish our mission.

LOS ANGELES POLICE NEWSLETTER CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Life moves so fast. We take so many simple things for granted. For a little over one year now, I have had the fortune of sitting on the Board of the Los Angeles Police Cancer Support Group and I am moved by the people who have entered my life as a result. The lessons about life, about doing something for others, with complete disregard for a return, about commitment, anger, joy, fear, devotion, building meaningful relationships and seeing my own self-absorption, have all been powerful. Each individual member of this group has gotten an unexpected and unwelcome lesson in prioritizing life. Some members of the group, after a period of time, have identified their diagnosis as a blessing, because life's purpose becomes very clear, very fast, others don't see it that way. Hence, one of the benefits of the group is a chance to come together and listen to many different perspectives about the disease and how members are learning to cope with it on a day to day basis in a world of seemingly upside down priorities.

The Cancer Support Group was established in mid 2005, after Sergeant Michael Apodaca, the Departments Wellness Coordinator, recognized the benefits of bringing together a group of individuals on the Department who are living with cancer, cancer survivors, and their family members / caregivers. The support group is more than another Department resource; it is a group of individuals who are establishing relationships based on a growing need of helping someone else outside oneself while at the same time finding a sense of richness, knowledge, and peace in their shared experience with others. We look forward to meeting you and sharing many future experiences together.

Sergeant Mary E. Kite