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**THE CANCER SUPPORT COMMUNITY GROWS  
EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM**  
*Gwen Darien joins National Office as  
Executive Vice President of Program and Services*



**(Washington, DC) May 28, 2013** - Gwen Darien joined the Cancer Support Community in May 2013 as Executive Vice President of Programs and Services where she oversees research, programs, education, and patient and family services. Gwen brings nearly 20 years of experience with extensive communications, education and policy experience.

Prior to joining CSC, Gwen was a director of The Pathways Project – an organization that puts people at the center of health care research and delivery. She served as executive director of the Samuel Waxman Cancer Research Foundation. In this role, she was committed to developing collaborations across all segments of the cancer community to translate research discoveries from the bench to the bedside.

Prior to joining SWCRF, Gwen was editor-in-chief of *CR* magazine and director of the American Association for Cancer Research Survivor and Patient Advocacy Program where she led initiatives to foster mutually beneficial and enduring partnerships among cancer survivor, patient advocacy and scientific communities through collaborations, communications and education. *CR* magazine was launched under Darien's leadership in March 2006 to serve an unmet need: a forum for sharing credible, balanced information about life with cancer and perspectives on the pressing challenges in cancer research today.

Gwen was previously the editor-in-chief of *MAMM*, a consumer magazine dedicated to women with breast and reproductive cancer. During Darien's tenure, *MAMM* won international acclaim for its coverage of survivorship, health disparities, controversies in women's cancers and health care policy.

Gwen has addressed cancer survivors and scientists across the country and in Europe at many panels, workshops and conferences. She is Chair of the NCI Director's Consumer Liaison Group and Distinguished Guest Faculty at the Center for Patient Partnerships at the University of Wisconsin. Gwen is a member of the Steering Committee of the Data Liquidity Coalition. She has served on the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Health, Genetics and Society and the faculties of the AACR/ASCO Methods in Clinical Cancer Research Workshop, Accelerating Anti-Cancer Agent Development and Validation Workshop and the advisory board of the Health Advocacy Program at Sarah Lawrence College.

### **About the Cancer Support Community**

The mission of the Cancer Support Community (CSC) is to ensure that all people impacted by cancer are empowered by knowledge, strengthened by action, and sustained by community. In 2009, The Wellness Community and Gilda's Club joined forces to become the Cancer Support Community. The combined organization, with more than 50 years of collective experience, provides the highest quality social and emotional support for people impacted by cancer through a network of over 50 licensed affiliates, more than 100 satellite locations, and a vibrant online community, touching more than one million people each year.

Backed by evidence that the best cancer care includes social and emotional support, the Cancer Support Community offers these services free of charge to men, women, and children with any type or stage of cancer, and to their loved ones. As the largest, professionally led nonprofit network of cancer support worldwide, the Cancer Support Community delivers a comprehensive menu of personalized and essential services including support groups, educational workshops, exercise, art and nutrition classes, and social activities for the entire family. In 2011, CSC delivered more than \$40 million in free services to patients and families. The Cancer Support Community is advancing the innovations that are becoming the standard in complete cancer care. So that no one faces cancer alone. To learn more, visit <http://www.cancersupportcommunity.org/>

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