



Words from weSPARK

Spring Ahead by Nancy Allen

Reflecting back on March of 2001, it is amazing to recall how far we have come since our opening:

- Then, we offered only one cancer support group, a yoga class, and for weeks we would faithfully lay out mats—mats that would remain empty.
- Then, volunteers would sit waiting for the phone to ring in the hopes that it wasn't a wrong number but a real person in need of our support.
- In those days, when we called oncology offices and hospitals, they said, "*we Who?*" or "*You do what???*"
- However, back then we were also nourished every day by our Founder, Wendie Jo Sperber's infectious energy, her conviction that this was the right thing to do, and that we could make a difference.

Now as we enter our tenth year, our phones ring off the hook, we have numerous healing movement, meditational and educational classes, support groups every day in a cozy meeting place where cancer patients, their families and friends feel welcomed and supported in this "home away from home." Today, we are proud to say that we are providing services from two fully staffed facilities—our original home in Sherman Oaks and our first permanent



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Our Bodies Are Ourselves

by Anna Stookey, MA, MFT, CHt.

Many of you probably know the book *Our Bodies, Ourselves*—a guidebook for women's health, reproductive rights and health choices. I read it when I was younger, poured over its pages and used it to help me discover my own body. Now, years later and working with cancer patients, I actually think the title delivers an important lesson. Our bodies really *are* ourselves: how we feel in them affects how we feel in our lives and even how we actually live them.

Think about the moment when you got your cancer diagnosis, for example. It's a shocking moment for many, even traumatic. Often there's a feeling of being overwhelmed or disoriented. The body you have lived in and trusted with your health has delivered a whopping surprise: it got cancer. What do you do now?

Of course what proceeds are doctors' appointments, treatment choices and prognoses. But often what's not addressed is the deeper feeling of shock or betrayal, the discomfort with the body that may have arisen in that moment. A relationship we took for granted—with our own bodies—has often been radically altered.

If you don't think of yourself as connected to your body in any way, maybe it doesn't

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Our Founder,
Wendie Jo Sperber



Schedule At-A-Glance:

MONDAY

9:00am	Return to Wholeness **by appointment**
10:00am	Reiki "Energy Sessions" **by appointment**
11:00am	Mah Jongg – taught & played
3:00pm	In-Treatment Group
4-5:30pm	Children's Groups
5:00pm	Grief Support Workshop
6:00pm	Teen Support Group
7:00pm	Restorative Yoga
7:00pm	Caregivers Support Group

TUESDAY

10:00am	Tai Chi
10:00am	Reiki "Energy Sessions" **by appointment**
11am-1pm	Creative Writing
11:00am	Kundalini Yoga
3:00pm	Post Treatment Support Group
4:30pm	Kundalini Yoga
5:30pm	Post Treatment Support Group

WEDNESDAY

9am-3pm	Qi Gong Energy Sessions **by appointment**
10:30am	Yoga
11:00am	Support Group - Ongoing Treatment
1:00pm	Guided Imagery
3:00pm	Mindful Yoga
6:00pm	Breast Cancer Networking Group <i>(3rd Wednesday of the month)</i>
6:30pm	Look Good Feel Better <i>(2nd Wednesday of the month)</i>
6:30pm	US TOO Prostate Support Group <i>(4th Wednesday of the month)</i>
6:30pm	Grief Support Workshop
6:30pm	Restorative Yoga

THURSDAY

9:00am	Return to Wholeness **by appointment**
10:00am	Yoga
10:30am	Support Group - Ongoing Treatment
12:00pm	Post Treatment Support Group
1:30pm	Men's Cancer Support Group
2:00pm	Tai Chi
6:00pm	Grief Support Group
6:00pm	Caregivers Support Group

FRIDAY

9:00am	Integrated Energy Sessions **by appointment**
11:00am	Kundalini Yoga
1:00pm	Pilates Stretching with Meditation

DAILY

10am-3pm	Equine Assisted Therapy (Call Robin @ El Dustberry Ranch 818-995-0277)
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*call for details and to reserve space.
**Intake and sign up required for all programs

Spotlight on weSPARK Teen Fundraisers

weSPARK would like to acknowledge and thank our fantastic Teen Fundraisers. These young people are extraordinary examples of charitable giving.



Gracie Kanigher

Thank you!

Gracie Kanigher for her overwhelming charity at weSPARK's 1st Annual Run/Walk!



Jon Epstein

Jon Epstein for his dedication to helping weSPARK by selflessly raising funds through his Mitzvah project!



Cleveland High School Girls Soccer Team

Sarah Sassen, Amber Schwindler and the Cleveland High School Girls Soccer Team for their creative generosity selling t-shirts for weSPARK! ▲

Tower Cancer Research Foundation

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Tower Cancer Research Foundation (TCRF), located in Beverly Hills, was founded in 1996 by a group of oncologists in private practice at Tower Hematology Oncology Medical Group (THOMG), and has risen to national prominence. These oncologists found that when patients had become resistant to standard therapy, they would have to be referred out of the private practice setting to large institutions for access to additional medical options using investigational drugs. This meant patients had to leave the care of their physicians and nursing staff with whom they had developed a bond of trust and comfort and move to an institutional setting at a critical time in their care. The establishment of TCRF enabled the THOMG patients to participate in investigational clinical trials while still maintaining the same medical and nursing staff in a private practice setting.

At present, TCRF is participating in nearly fifty clinical trials of new drugs and regimens for cancer in association with many of the most prominent cancer centers nationally. It also has affiliations with The City of Hope and TGen Institute in Phoenix (molecular genetics research). Recently, TCRF has reached outside THOMG to recruit cancer patients from all over Southern California to participate in very early first in human clinical trials.

TCRF is unique because investigational treatment is carried out in a private practice setting. Also, we take pride in awarding critical career development grants to young academic cancer researchers. TCRF also provides education to Los Angeles physicians and the community by several medical and lay-oriented newsletters. Ronnie Lippin Cancer information and Resource Line (RLCIRL), a telephone/internet outreach program that provides cancer related referrals by a professional social worker, is a unique FREE service at TCRF available to the entire LA cancer community. RLCIRL can be reached at 877-RLC-2120 or www.lacancerinfo.org.

We are deeply committed to cancer research, community education, and patient support, and would encourage you to learn more about Tower Cancer Research Foundation by viewing the website at: www.towercancerfoundation.org. ▲

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Dr. Kristi Funk's Pink Lotus: State-of-the-Art Breast Care In Beverly Hills

by Lilliane Ballesteros

A noted breast surgeon who has appeared on the television show “Extra.” The View, The Today Show, CBS News, and The Doctors to educate women on breast cancer, Dr. Kristi Funk was the Director of Patient Education and medical breast specialist at the Saul and Joyce Brandman Breast Center at Cedars-Sinai for seven years before opening the Pink Lotus Breast Center in March 2009. An ordinary woman doing extraordinary things, it’s hard to speak about her keeping to terms like surgeon, caregiver, and breast cancer specialist; so let’s try a new one—entrepreneur.

The Pink Lotus Center in Beverly Hills is designed to be the future of breast cancer healthcare. The first integrative breast center in the country to be fully female owned and staffed, Pink Lotus features the latest in breast cancer prevention, diagnostic and treatment technology. It integrates alternative health practices with cutting-edge cancer care. “The future of healthcare is specialized clinics—not hospitals—and we are going to be one of the first,” Dr. Funk said.

Dr. Funk, who patented a surgical device to increase operating room efficiency, is known for utilizing minimally invasive diagnostic and treatment methods for breast diseases. Her goal was to offer breast cancer patients the most reliable and the most personalized care.

Her vision is simple: “If a woman wakes up on Monday and feels a lump, she will come to the Pink Lotus and by the end of that day she will know what the lump is.” She added, “I’m most excited about providing women with a center where they feel comfortable and confident.”

Phase 1

The center includes: breast surgeons performing operations onsite, breast ultrasound and minimally invasive biopsies, breast wellness exams, the Tao of Wellness Center, and risk reduction and prevention education.

The Sheryl Crow Imaging Center, which opens May 2010, will offer patients the best resources, from digital mammograms and sophisticated ultrasound breast imaging to lymphedema testing and surgery. Radiologists perform exams using the latest in breast cancer detection technology. “This is the heart of the breast center,” she said.

Alternative Healthcare Center

Heading the alternative medicine department is the Tao of Wellness Center, an integrated health and well-being center run by Drs. Mao and Dao. These 38th generation Chinese medical doctors are, Dr. Funk said, “steeped in Chinese medicine.”

They offer patients various forms of treatment, including acupuncture and herbal remedies, which have been proven to be effective in cases of fatigue and nausea, symptoms often associated with chemotherapy. “He understands the importance of combining both eastern and western medicine practices,” she said.

Pink Lotus also features an in-house cancer fighting nutritionist, a physical therapist to work with patients on healing stretches to reduce temporary scarring after surgery, and a psychologist, who aids with coping strategies and issues of immortality and sexuality.

Reliable Clinics, Personal Care

At Pink Lotus, a digitized records system is the key to success. “Everything is streamlined,” Dr. Funk said. “This makes it easier to track patients,” making treatment more intimate.

In addition, surgeons can opt to invest in their centers. “This is the best way to retain the best and the brightest,” she said, explaining that each Pink Lotus center—and she is ambitious about expanding throughout LA and into other states—will be owned by the MDs.

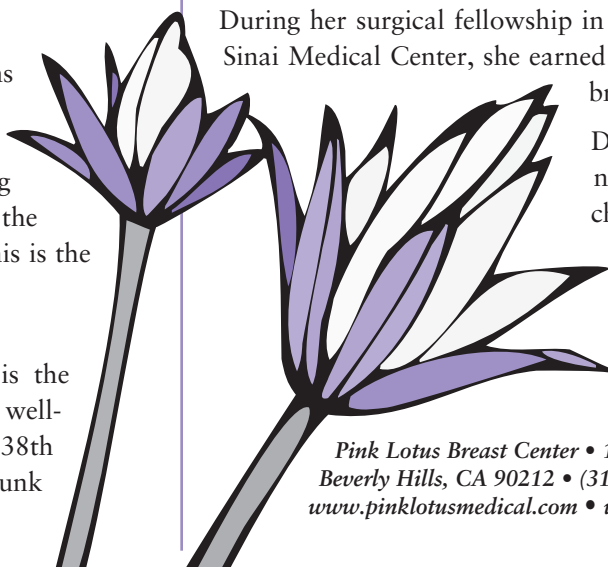
Most importantly, Dr. Funk has created an accessible center. “We are contracted with Medicare and most providers,” she said. In addition, the Pink Lotus Petals non-profit aids women who cannot afford breast cancer screening, diagnosis, and treatment.

Broadway Star Turned Breast Cancer Specialist

Kristi Funk dreamt of becoming a Broadway star until a voice inside her led her to medicine. She received her medical degree from the UC Davis School of Medicine, completing her residency in general surgery at Virginia Mason Medical School in Seattle. “I found that I loved surgery,” she said.

During her surgical fellowship in breast oncology at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, she earned her reputation as a leading breast cancer specialist.

Dr. Kristi Funk has published numerous articles and book chapters on topics related to breast cancer and has presented at hospitals, international breast cancer conferences and community audiences.



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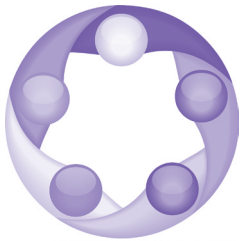
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weSPARK's support base has grown to over 5,000 individuals and companies who have blessed us with donations. We are most thankful to all of you for this extraordinary level of support. You have enabled us to provide unparalleled clinical and innovative creative programs filling a void. We want to make these services available to a new generation of guests. We ask, you, our donors to help. You have made it possible for us to maintain our unique dream for an entire decade. We thank you and look forward to your continued support and generosity.



LOOK GOOD ... FEEL BETTER

Join us at weSPARK for a night of beauty & fun, plus a make-up kit provided by the American Cancer Society.

We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in Sherman Oaks.

Space is limited, must call to sign-up. To sign up, call Alexandra at 818-906-3022



Are You a Teen with a Family Member or Loved-One Battling Cancer?

Come to weSPARK, a place where you can meet and talk with other teens facing some of the same issues.

Monday nights
6:00pm

Facilitated by: Kim Tortorici, MA



Kids Corner

The "wee" SPARK programs provide the following:

"wee" SPARKS Ages 4-8 • "Tweens" Ages 9-12

Using circle time, games and arts & crafts, these programs allow our younger guests to interact with others experiencing similar challenges.

Call to enroll your child in the appropriate group.

Sherman Oaks call (818) 906-3022 • Santa Clarita call (661) 288-2322

Come visit our website!!!

www.wespark.org
We have weekly BLOGs,
copies of our past newsletters,
monthly schedules, and more!!!

