

2024 Chairperson's Message

Chairperson: Dr Frederick Leung

***CanCare Centre is a not-for-profit organisation that provides care and support for cancer patients and their carers in the Chinese community.
Its mission is to reach out to its clients with Christ's love and to care for them emotionally, socially, physically and spiritually.***

To our CanCare Supporters & Partners

***Together we serve our Lord
through spreading His Love
& giving selflessly***

It is with immense gratitude that I get to share with you some progresses that CanCare has made in the past 12 months. I am grateful to each one of you who pray, support and donate to CanCare's work. Through your generosity CanCare, as a not-for-profit organisation that almost solely relies on donations, continues to grow and deliver free support services to clients who have been diagnosed with cancer and their carers.

During 2023-24 CanCare continued with its regular services to clients which include home & hospital visits, support group meetings, walking group gatherings, interactive workshops, telephone support, information-educational-encouragement sessions delivered using various social media platforms and radio programs, and last but not least, training programs for clients, care workers and various organisations.

Among all our busy work and activities, CanCare also delivered something extraordinary in August 2023 – a musical event titled '*Illuminate Your Heart with Love*' in Chatswood and Hurstville with over 1,300 people attended the four sessions. Many audiences provided us feedback to say how deeply they were touched by the performances and expressed their appreciation of CanCare's effort in organizing and successfully delivering the event.

With God's grace and guidance, CanCare has had a fruitful year. I would like to make special mention of the following:

- The three 'newest' support groups that were established in the last couple of years in Surry Hills, Chatswood and Castle Hill are steadily expanding their client base. They provide not only additional service points for clients to receive our services but also opportunities for clients to network and offer mutual support. For Mandarin speaking participants, they can choose to attend the support group closest to home, and/or the one located in Castle Hill which specializes in serving people who speak Mandarin.
- Our training programs have become more expansive with more sessions delivered during the year. Face to face training were delivered to a number of churches and a wider range of organisations while on-line training programs were delivered to both local and overseas participants. These programs have equipped many dedicated Christians with knowledge and skills to provide care and support for people in need, and assisted many to reflect on their life journeys and explore things that are genuinely precious and meaningful to them.
- CanCare's profile has been increased through various means of serving and reaching clients and they in turn have attracted new service partners and volunteers who share our vision. This helps inject new energy into the work that we do, and increase our capability and capacity to improve our service delivery.

Under the leadership of Rev Dr Jackie Chan, CanCare has successfully delivered its work priorities in 2023-24. Please refer to the annual report produced by Jackie for a more complete account of our services and future plan.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jackie, all CanCare workers and volunteers for their dedication and efforts. On behalf of the CanCare team, I would once again like to thank you for your assistance, prayers and donations to support our work. May the grace of God be upon you and your family every day.