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**Wellness Place Joins Cancer Support Community's National Network,
Becoming CSC Central Washington:
New name, stronger network — same heartfelt local care**

Wenatchee, WA – November 2025 – The Wellness Place is proud to announce an exciting new chapter in its mission to uplift any individual impacted by cancer across Chelan, Douglas, Grant, and Okanogan counties. Effective January 1, 2026, Wellness Place will join the Cancer Support Community's (CSC) global network becoming CSC Central Washington, uniting the region with more than 200 partner locations.

For over two decades, Wellness Place has walked alongside those impacted by cancer, ensuring that no one faces a diagnosis alone. Through a 2024 strategic planning process, the organization identified opportunities to strengthen and expand support by increasing awareness, outreaching to underserved communities, and expanding psychosocial programming. CSC proved to align with this mission while allowing Wellness Place to maintain its independent nonprofit status and trusted local care.

By joining CSC's expansive network, Wellness Place is able to broaden its reach and deepen impact, connecting the local community with a powerful array of professionally led programs, cutting-edge resources, and a compassionate community that stretches far beyond Central Washington.

"This decision came from a simple question: *How do we utilize our limited resources to serve our cancer community even better?*" said Marissa Collins, Executive Director of Wellness Place. "Through Cancer Support Community, we found support that is backed by nationwide expertise, innovation, and advocacy, while preserving the compassionate, local cancer care that defines who we are. This was a thoughtful decision process and involved input from some important leaders of Wellness Place's past and present. We are thrilled to take this step forward as CSC Central Washington together."

As CSC Central Washington, local residents will continue to receive the same personalized care they have come to expect from Wellness Place, now with the added benefit of CSC's award-winning education, support navigation, social connections, and research-driven resources, all available in-person, online, and over the phone - always at no cost.

Sally Werner, CEO of Cancer Support Community, shared her excitement about the new partnership: "We are honored to welcome Wellness Place as CSC Central Washington. Their commitment to compassionate, accessible care is a perfect match with our mission. Together, we will help ensure that everyone in Central Washington has a place to turn for strength, connection, and support."

This transition marks a new era for cancer care in the region – rooted in Wellness Place's ongoing promise to support the community from diagnosis to survivorship. Wellness Place



Board and Staff invites supporters to join in celebrating this milestone so we can continue to lift each other up, every step of the way.

About Wellness Place

Wellness Place is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization with a mission to give compassionate support and free resources to individuals, their families, and caregivers residing in Chelan, Douglas, Grant, and Okanogan counties through their cancer journey, regardless of age or income. For more information visit www.wellnessplacewenatchee.org.

About the Cancer Support Community

The Cancer Support Community is a global nonprofit that uplifts and strengthens people impacted by cancer. We are dedicated to fostering a community where people find connection, compassion, and knowledge. We provide professionally led support and navigation services, along with social connections and award-winning education—when, where, and how impacted individuals prefer throughout their cancer experience. These resources are available at over 200 Cancer Support Community, Gilda's Club, and healthcare partner locations as well as online and over the phone—all at no cost. We amplify the voices of those impacted by cancer through research and advocacy and create solutions that break down barriers to care and close the healthcare gap for communities whose members are disproportionately affected by cancer. www.cancersupportcommunity.org

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