

Catherine Logan-Carrillo

**an unparalleled leader
who advocates for all
humankind**

born to take a stand

- Born in Independence, Mo. Lived catty-corner from President Harry Truman's home**
- Her parents had 3 siblings: Jan, Tom and John**
- Her father was a Presbyterian Minister-they had refugees from many countries living with them over the years. They moved quite often and spend most of Cathy's childhood in Decatur, Illinois**
- Excellent cello player from an early age and won an award, but it was taken away when she went to a school dance with a black boy**



an activist at an early age

- o **Summer of 1964, she went to Mississippi to get involved in the Civil Rights Movement where she got arrested. When her father, The Rev. Jay M. Logan, asked her if she wanted to come home, she replied "No, This is an important thing that has to happen. The welfare of mankind requires it".**
- o **While in Mississippi, she participated in starting a school for the under-served. The program was called the Mississippi Summer Project**
- o **Went to University of Illinois where she received a BS in Sociology and Psychology in 1967. She did graduate work in Spanish**
- o **Later, joined the Peace Corps where she trained in Puerto Rico. Because she was assigned a desk job in Panama, she quit**
- o **Worked in Chicago for 7 years as a social worker and community organizer**

Mississippi summer project



the era of peer-led support groups begins

- **Founders Catherine Logan, Audrey Wilson, Helayne Abrams, Grace Slick, and Jeanne Stover all met at Audrey's house for the first support group**
- **From this, they started TLC (Living Through Cancer-the P came later)**
- **This became popular with people coming in and out as a way for folks to meet each other, get connected and share information. This small organization later took on a national presence**



(Tribune photo by Al Cabral)

Coping with cancer — and getting well — are (from left) Cathy Logan, Helayne Abrams and Jeanne Stover.



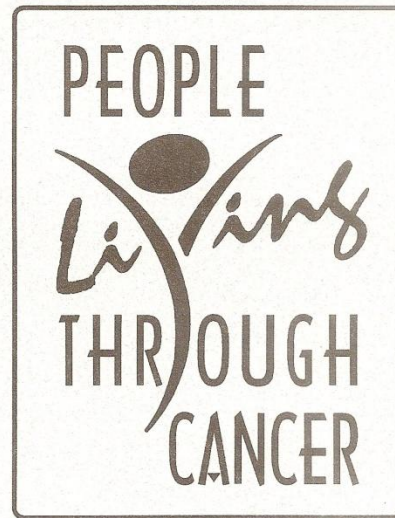
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Audrey Wilson, left, and Cathy Logan are co-founders of the Living Through Cancer Survivorship Center, celebrating its fifth anniversary.

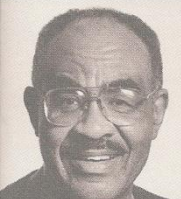


How people found (P)LTC

- **Catherine's reputation spread and people discovered the group from reading articles in newspapers, periodicals including the Washington Post, and other media sources**
- **Several people read chapters in books in which Catherine was featured, and moved to Albuquerque to join her group.**
- **Word of mouth spread message quickly as people wanted to talk with others who "had also been there"**



PEOPLE LIVING THROUGH CANCER



James Johnson
28 months



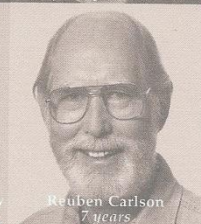
Glo Thompson
family member



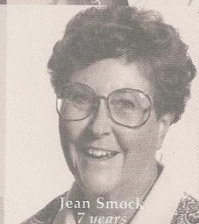
Sandy Ginsburg
8 years



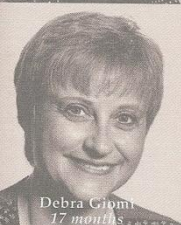
Maria Jaramillo Connelly
13 months



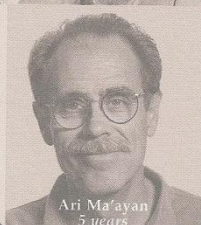
Reuben Carlson
7 years



Jean Smock
7 years



Debra Glom
17 months



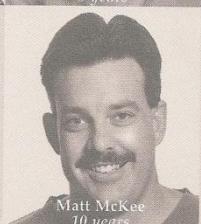
Ari Ma'ayan
5 years



Gail Willette
1 1/2 years



Frankie McCarty Gallegos
13 years



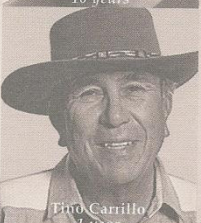
Matt McKee
10 years



Gail Padilla
8 months



Lou Anne Giese
3 1/2 years



Pino Carrillo
1 year



Yolanda Ploor
20 months



Alice Hiat
19 years



Stan Smock
18 months



Jean Heth
17 months



NCCS is born in 1986

- **Cathy was the catalyst**
- **She developed the mission, vision and was its first Executive Director. It was housed in LTC's office**
- **When group decided to move to Washington, DC to take on a greater advocacy role, Cathy decided to remain in Albuquerque, as her main interest was and still is grassroots involvement**



support and services

- **Expert training program for volunteers, group facilitation and organizational development**
- **Survivorship in Indian Country: national week-long training for American Indians**



awards and accolades start coming in

- o She won the first National Award in her name from NCCS**
- o Won two Quality New Mexico Awards**
- o Throughout the years, Cathy has won many awards and was published in numerous publications. She wrote a chapter in “Charting the Journey: Cancer Survivor’s Almanac” (3 editions)-the 2nd edition with Gena Love**
- o For a number of years, she wrote and edited the Living Through Cancer Journal**
- o Started a musical group with Adeline and Joel Wheeler and Beth Pinkerton. They were written up in “US News and World Report” in 1996**



Healthy ensemble. *Cellist Catherine Logan defeated cervical cancer and went on to co-found a national group for cancer survivors*

Cathy's innovative ideas and creative events

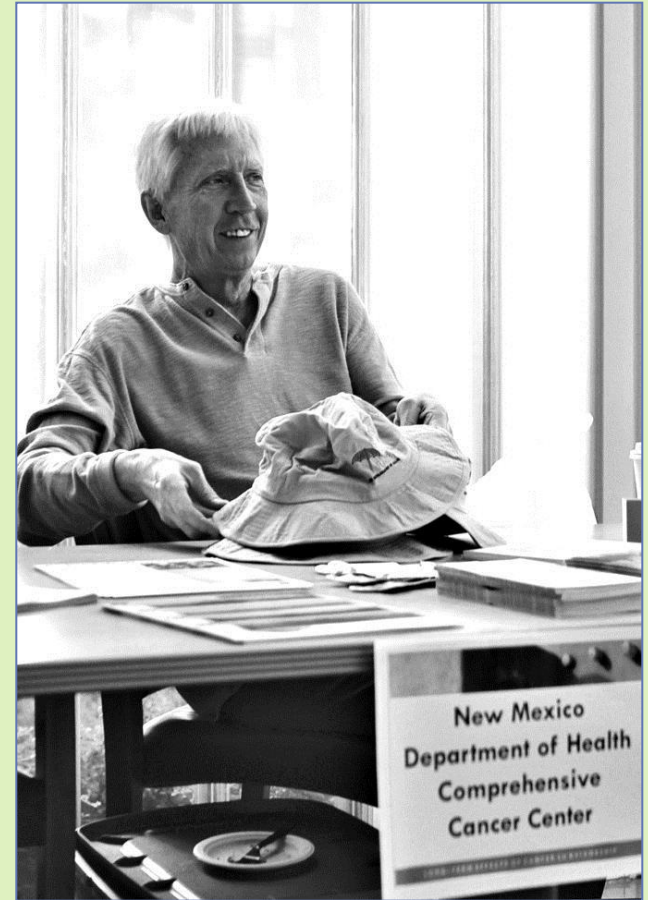
- o Candlelight Vigil**
- o Ticket to Travel**
- o Community Quilt Project and other art shows**
- o “On Borrowed Time”-group of artists perform around the State, in Scottsdale, Arizona and in Washington, DC**
- o Created a unique “Outing at Valles Caldera” package for the People’s Caring Awards**
- o Drive for Life-a golf tournament fundraiser**
- o The Crane Project-created by Debra Giomi and continued by Thelma Giomi**
- o Smash for Cash-Volleyball fundraiser**



collaborations are vital for success

- **Worked closely with the New Mexico Department of Health**
- **Had many programs with the Indian Health Service**
- **Received funding from the McCune Foundation**
- **New Mexico Cancer Coalition and its individual members**
- **Private and public healthcare institutions**
- **Prostate Cancer Support Association of New Mexico**
- **American Cancer Society**





Catherine retires to a new career

- o Bought and edited “Horseman’s Voice”**
- o When PLTC required that facilitator’s be professionals, Cathy, along with many other former PLTC members, started a new organization called CSN (Cancer Support Now)**
- o CSN is in its 4th year and has peer-led support groups, an Annual Conference, and other events and programs for survivors and their support networks**
- o Cathy was the first Vice-President.**
- o She came up with the idea of Late Effects of Cancer Survivorship**

Cancer Support Now, Inc.

Origami Crane: A Gift of Hope & Peace



Cancer Survivors Offering Support

a tribute to a legend

- **Catherine Logan-Carrillo is an intelligent, innovative, creative, and inspirational woman. She advocates for what she believes in and never backs down when she sees injustice in the world. Even when her life was in danger and was arrested, she stood up for her beliefs.**
- **In the cancer community, Catherine is an important leader who has made an indelible mark on our society. The idea that cancer survivors are not “victims” and that survivors need to share their experiences with others who “have been there” are both hallmarks of Catherine’s contributions to our communities.**
- **Today, we honor Catherine Logan-Carrillo, for her strength, compassion, courage and commitment to each of us and to the world. Her life has been important and has aided the welfare of mankind.**



