UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, November 4
CLA Charity Golf Tournament at Sand Canyon Country Club

Sunday, December 15
Concern Holiday Party at Paramount Studios

Thursday, January 16, 2020
Concern/Beauty Bus Pop-Up at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles

Monday, February 3, 2020
Concern/Beauty Bus Pop-Up at The Angeles Clinic and Research Institute

Saturday, March 7, 2020
LA BIG 5K at Dodger Stadium

Sunday, March 8, 2020
Concern Foundation Cheer Zone in BH

Friday, May 1, 2020
Scientific Review Meeting and Dinner, time and location TBD

Thursday, May 7, 2020
Concern/Beauty Bus Pop-Up at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles

Saturday, July 11, 2020
46th Annual Block Party at Concern Foundation Building

Sunday, September 13, 2020
Concern Now’s Drag Queen Bingo Night

FUNDING CANCER RESEARCH SINCE 1968
On Saturday, July 13th 2019, Concern Foundation for Cancer Research successfully produced its 45th Annual Block Party on the backlot of Paramount Studios in Hollywood featuring multiple stages of live entertainment, casino style games, live and silent auctions, and food, desserts and beverages from over 70 of Los Angeles' best restaurants and caterers. Themed this year as California Dreaming to Conquer Cancer, the highly anticipated event hosted approximately 4,000 guests, successfully raising $1.8 million for cancer research through ticket sales, donations and bids on auction items.

Through this annual event, Concern has raised over $68 Million in salary support to 800 gifted cancer scientists studying cancer. This year, in honor of their lifetime of contribution and efforts in support of the Concern Foundation, Judy Carroll, Lexy & John Carroll & the Carroll Family were awarded with the Lifetime of Giving Award. The successful event was led by the Concern office staff, a team of volunteers and designed once again by John Ferdenzi of Town and Country Event Rentals.

The backlot streets were filled with over 70 food and beverage vendors including notable classics such as Vibrato Grill + Jazz, Ocean Prime Beverly Hills, The Grill on the Alley, Fogo de Chao, The Urban Oven, Oak Smoke BBQ, STK Los Angeles, Button Mash, La Boheme, Bertha Mae’s Brownie Company, Mykie’s, Buzz Bar, DeLuscious Cookies & Milk, Maria’s Italian Kitchen, Porta Via, Stonefire Grill, Bar Hayama, El Floridita Cuban Supper Club, Giacomino Drago Group of Restaurants, Gyu-Kaku, Jayde’s Market, Micoo Mochi Ice Cream, Wurstküche, Factor’s Famous Deli, Dulani’s on Crenshaw Soul Food, and Pink’s Famous Hot Dogs just to name a few. This year’s event also featured The Garagiste Festival Micro-Winery Tastings area, Nuda Tequila, Tito’s Handmade Vodka, Asahi Beer U.S.A., Weaver’s Coffee & Tea, Humboldt Distillery, Buzz Box, Reed’s Ginger Brews, The Macallan, COKE Products and Dulce Vida Tequila. Plenty of musical and interactive entertainment were held on multiple stages featuring the Tom Nolan Band, D’ City Sound with MC Dwayne, Paul McDonald Group and The MudBug Brass Band. Other event highlights included limited edition poster giveaways sponsored by A Good Print, Island Ink airbrushed tattoos, Foto Spark services, Vita Perfetta creative experiences, spa services provided by Beauty Bus Foundation and a Ferris Wheel which guests enjoyed throughout the night.

For the 15th year in a row, Los Angeles Magazine has been Concern Foundation’s media partner and in their long-lasting relationship, has donated nearly $350,000 to Concern Foundation to help conquer cancer. This year their “The Best of LA 2019” on Los Angeles Magazine's street featured relaxing lounge furnished by Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams, photo booths by INFINITI, treats and beverages from ArcLight Cinemas, Seedlip, and Don Francisco’s Coffee, DJ dancing and much more.
As my term begins to wind down and I begin to reflect on my four years as Concern’s Board Chair, I leave my chairmanship with nothing but enormous pride and satisfaction in knowing just how far we have come as an organization and as leaders in the cancer community. Being a cancer survivor, the greatest gift that I could have given back was to be able to lead an incredible board, volunteers, and office staff who passionately care as much as I do about conquering cancer.

In the past four years, we have supported dozens of cancer researchers, provided funding for the relocation of the Lautenberg Center and celebrated the naming of it as the Concern Foundation Laboratories for Cancer and Immunology Research, successfully presented a myriad of great events and activities raising and granting millions of dollars for research. Along the way we have sadly lost some dear friends, board members and supporters, but also gained a whole new generation of supporters thanks to our growing Concern Now division.

During my tenure, Concern continued to broaden its support from within our community and solidified some very important relationships that will ensure our ability to support cancer research far into the future. We are not only supporting cancer research, which continues to be our core mission, but through our association with the Beauty Bus Foundation, we are directly touching the lives of cancer patients and families through our support of pop-up salons at local hospitals and cancer centers. Our partnerships have elevated our standing within the local cancer community and we have become a welcoming hub for other organizations like The Marni Fund by giving them a vehicle to support women’s cancer research projects.

I am honored to have been the organization’s Chair for four incredibly successful Block Party events which raised over $6 million and brought us some wonderful honorees and new supporters. Our LA Marathon events continue to grow each year and put us directly in the spotlight with some of the best known local, national, and international organizations. Three Soul Cycle events, several events for our younger adult supporters and of course our holiday events for the patients and families have all left an indelible impression in my mind as I reflect back on all of the smiling faces and the love and hard work that goes into each one of our events. Being Board Chair for Concern’s 50th anniversary was also a highlight for me and we have made a successful transition into the next 50 years while hoping and praying that we won’t be needed to celebrate too many more years as cancer will be conquered once and for all.

Thank you to the Concern staff for their incredible support and leadership, without them none of our success as an organization would be possible. Thank you to my family, my board, our volunteers and to you, our incredible supporters. We are here to conquer cancer together and together we will make that happen.

I’m proud to announce that on January 1st Lorene Goldman will become Concern’s next Executive Board Chair. With her years of leadership as a member of our Executive Board, I know that the organization will be in great hands. I look forward to continuing my role on our Executive Board and working side by side with Lorene and many of you. We’ve come so far in fulfilling our mission and yet we still have a long way to go. It has been an honor and a pleasure to have been this organization’s Board Chair and I want to thank you for your love and support.
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GOT CANDY?

DONATE YOUR LEFTOVER CANDY TO PEDIATRIC CANCER PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Concern Foundation is collecting leftover Halloween candy for pediatric cancer patients that won’t be able to trick or treat this Halloween due to their illness or having to spend Halloween in the hospital. If you don’t have any leftover candy, pick up a bag or two next time you’re at the store!

For more information, please contact us at info@concernfoundation.org

Personalized Holiday Letters

This year instead of buying boxes of traditional holiday cards or running yourself ragged all over town to find that “perfect gift” you can make one call to Concern Foundation for cancer research and give the most meaningful gift that embodies the true spirit of the holiday season… a donation in their name to support cancer research.

This holiday season, Concern Foundation for Cancer Research is making available personalized holiday letters for you to send to friends, family or business associates.

Your holiday letters can be custom written by you and printed on specially selected holiday stationary with matching envelopes. These letters can be personalized and mailed by us or we will print the letters and return them to you to mail or to deliver them yourself.

Call the Concern Foundation office today to make arrangements to get your holiday letters and gifts taken care of right now.

Call (310) 360-6100 or Email: megan@concernfoundation.org

10 letters - $100.00 ($10.00 per)
50 letters - $375.00 ($7.50 per)
100 letters - $500.00 ($5.00 per)

32ND ANNUAL TOY DRIVE
FOR PEDIATRIC CANCER PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

WE NEED:
- NEWLY PURCHASED UNWRAPPED TOYS, CRAFTS. ONE SIZE FITS ALL CLOTHING AND GIFTS FOR ALL AGES (PATIENTS AND SIBLINGS RANGE IN AGE FROM NEWBORN TO 16)
- TARGET GIFT CARDS
- MONETARY DONATIONS SO WE CAN PURCHASE GIFTS ON YOUR BEHALF
- GIFTS FOR OLDER TEENS ARE ALWAYS OUR GREATEST NEED TO FULFILL

Unfortunately, due to hospital regulations, we cannot accept stuffed animals.

Items can be purchased through our Amazon wish list: https://www.amazon.com/gp/wishlist/8804065143111?

All toys and gifts need to be collected by Monday, December 9

For more information, please contact us at info@concernfoundation.org
Concern Now’s Drag Queen Bingo Night at Hamburger Mary’s

On September 15, Concern Now hosted their first Drag Queen Bingo Night at Hamburger Mary’s in West Hollywood. Presale tickets were sold out and the restaurant was jam-packed to capacity. It was a night of crazy bingo filled with laughter and cheekiness with fabulous prizes given to the winners. Concern raised over $4,600 from ticket sales and from the live auction! Everyone had so much fun that next year’s date has already been set – September 13, 2020!

A special thank you to Concern Now Co-chairs Allie Lehrman and Michelle Massi for leading this event.

Gaby’s Bat Mitzvah Project

Gaby Skolnick of Melville, NY grew up hearing about Concern Foundation from her grandma Doreen so when her Bat Mitzvah project rolled around and she decided she wanted to raise money for cancer research, Gaby reached out to Concern. Working with her family, Gaby hosted a walk-a-thon and BBQ fun-day and raised over $2,000 in hopes that ‘someday cancer will just be a memory’. Thanks to Gaby for her wonderful project. If you or anyone you know would like to put together a fundraiser, we can create an individual page on the Concern website in support of your efforts!

LA Marathon

On Saturday, March 7th and Sunday, March 8th 2020, Team Concern will once again hit the pavement to raise funds for cancer research at the 2020 Los Angeles Marathon.

Who is part of Team Concern?

This year we are teaming up with Beauty Bus Foundation, Cedar Sinai’s Wellness, Resilience, and Survivorship Program, CureSearch for Children’s Cancer, and the Kevin Cordasco Foundation: Something Yellow to grow Team Concern and to raise funds for cancer research and share a portion of the monies raised for some important programs for cancer patients and families to make our 11th year as participants, the most successful marathon year yet.

Beauty Bus Foundation delivers dignity, hope and respite to chronically or terminally ill individuals and their caregivers through beauty and grooming services and pampering products.

Cedar Sinai’s Wellness, Resilience, and Survivorship Program as part of the Samuel Oschin Comprehensive Cancer Institute is dedicated to helping cancer survivors live their lives to the fullest. It seeks to address the physical, psychological and information needs of cancer patients and their families as cancer treatment is completed.

CureSearch for Children’s Cancer accelerates the pace of pediatric drug development by driving industry and academic collaborations to fund only the strongest research with the potential to quickly advance to the clinic and marketplace, reaching children now – not 10-20 years from now.

The Kevin Cordasco Foundation: Something Yellow is committed to raising awareness and funds to support childhood cancers and was inspired by Kevin Cordasco, a courageous young man who battled neuroblastoma for seven years before he passed away at the age of 16.

Race Options:

• LA BIG 5K (March 7): 3.2 miles. This fun course winds through Elysian Park and finishes at Dodger Stadium. This is a great option for runners, walkers, and families. The entry fee is $40 (plus a $350 fundraising commitment).

• LA MARATHON Charity Challenge Half Marathon (March 8): 13.1 miles. The Charity Challenge starts in Hollywood and shares the marathon course to the finish in Santa Monica. The half marathon is only open to charity runners and is limited to 1100 participants. The entry fee is $135 (plus a $1,000 fundraising commitment). This option will sell out, so sign up early!

• LA MARATHON (March 8): 26.2 miles. The LA Marathon starts at Dodger Stadium and ends in Santa Monica. This scenic course takes runners past iconic LA landmarks as they make their way to the finish. It’s a great course for both first-timers and experienced runners. The entry fee is $170 (plus a $1,000 fundraising commitment).

Registration is now open at concernfoundation.org/lamarathon