

## Our Mission

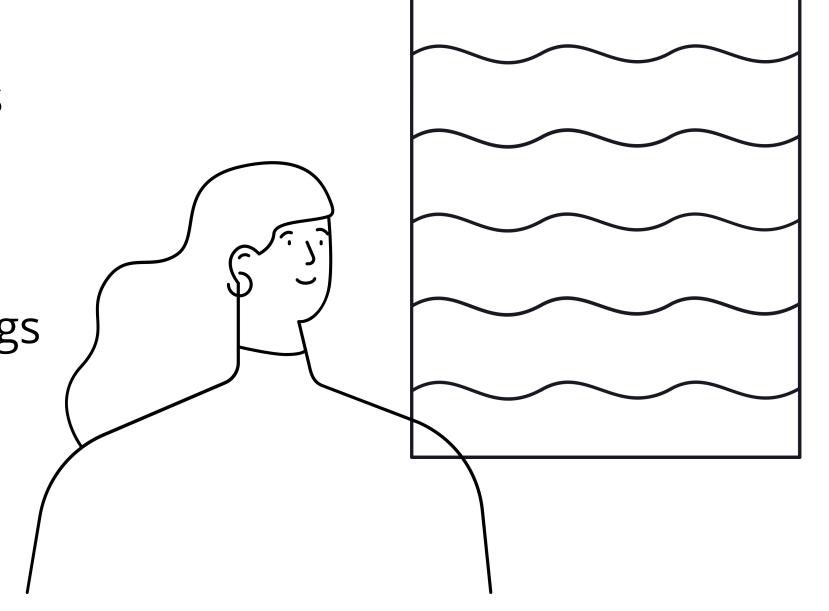
JoyCentric Organization's mission is to reach out to and support all oncology patients in our local communities.

This is accomplished through various fashions such as:

- Meeting and connecting with patients

- Assembling and distributing handmade gift bags

- Hosting social events, gatherings, and fundraising for donations



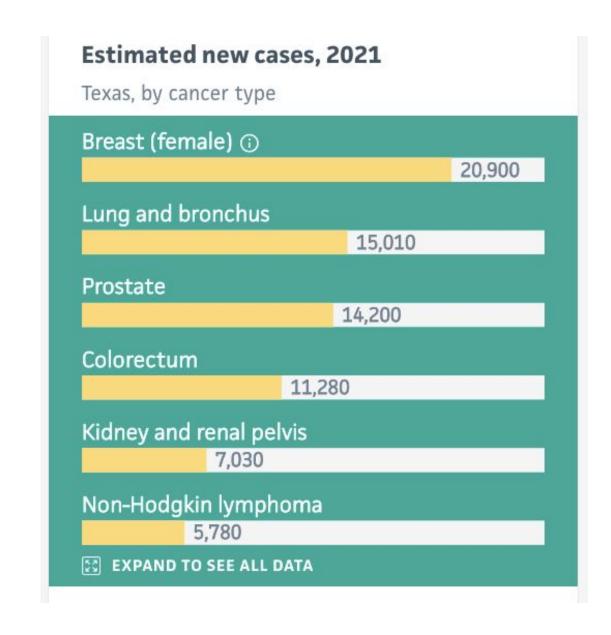
## Statistics

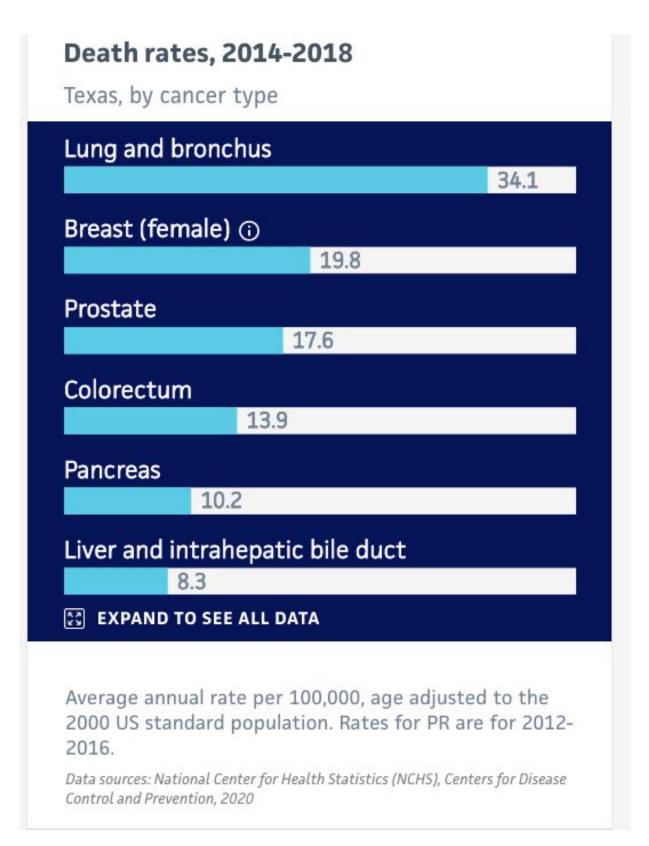
Estimated new cases, 2021

133,730

Estimated deaths, 2021

42,840







# Social Support



**Social support** = information leading individuals to believe they are cared for and loved, esteemed and valued, and belong to a network of communication and mutual obligation

A study conducted on the relationship between social support and breast cancer found that social support is important for psychological adjustment and survival for breast cancer patients

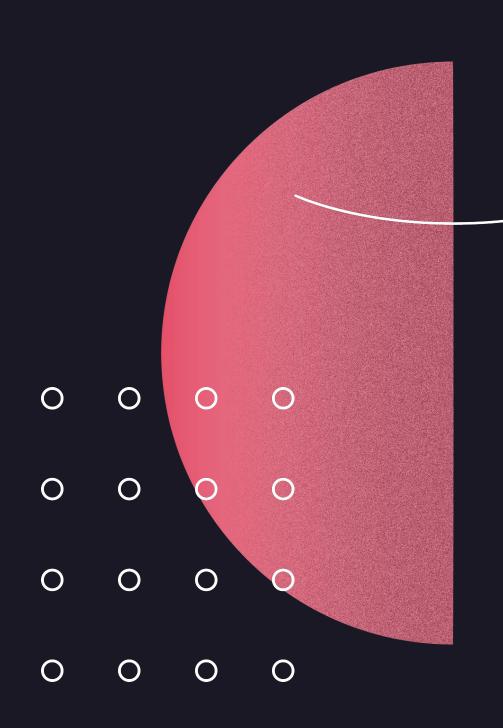
Another study found that perceived quantity and quality of social support was an indicator of good and poor adjustment during treatment and were predictors of psychological distress

"Perceived social support generally functions as a positive coping resource...[especially for patients] residing away from their homes "



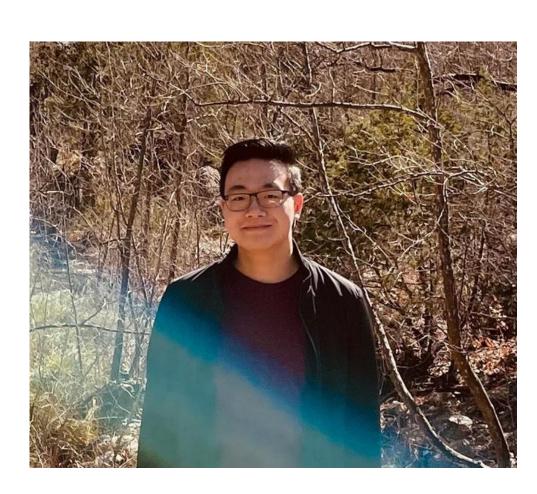
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# Background



JoyCentric was founded by our President Mark Gao during his high school years for the purpose of giving back to the local community. He believed that it was patients struggling with cancer who most needed a little extra joy in their life. To carry on this mission, he and a small group of friends decided to do just that right here at Texas Tech!

### OFFICER INTRO



Mark Gao - President and Founder Biochemistry Major Sophomore



Barrett Meeks - Secretary and Founder's BFF Microbiology Major Senior



Keely Patelski - Treasurer and Mascot Mathematics Major Sophomore





#### **Chad Cain**

- Honors College Senior Academic Advisor
- Coordinator for Pathway Programs and

Honors Arts and Letters Advisor

- Icon and Legend
- Literally, just the Best!

## PILLARS

This organization is designed to provide social and emotional support and interaction with some of the sickest in our community. These are the pillars upon which we operate.









# Org events and activities will include, but are not limited to, the following:

Movie showings

Arts and crafts creations

Journaling

Music and dances

Various food events

With patients, we will...

Visit and have conversations

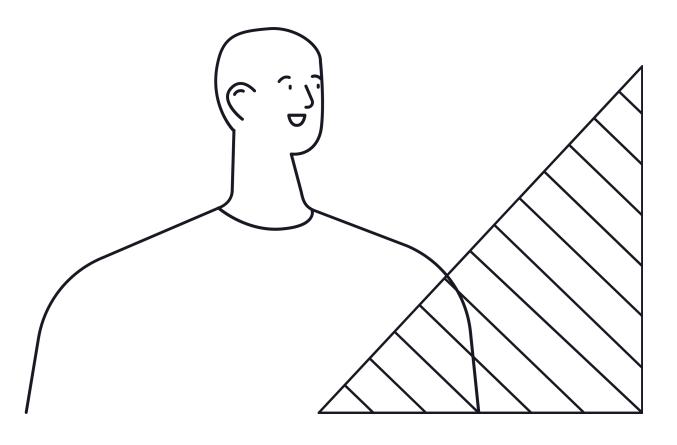
Play games

Create cards and care packages

Celebrate birthdays

Decorating/personalizing rooms

## ACTIVITIES

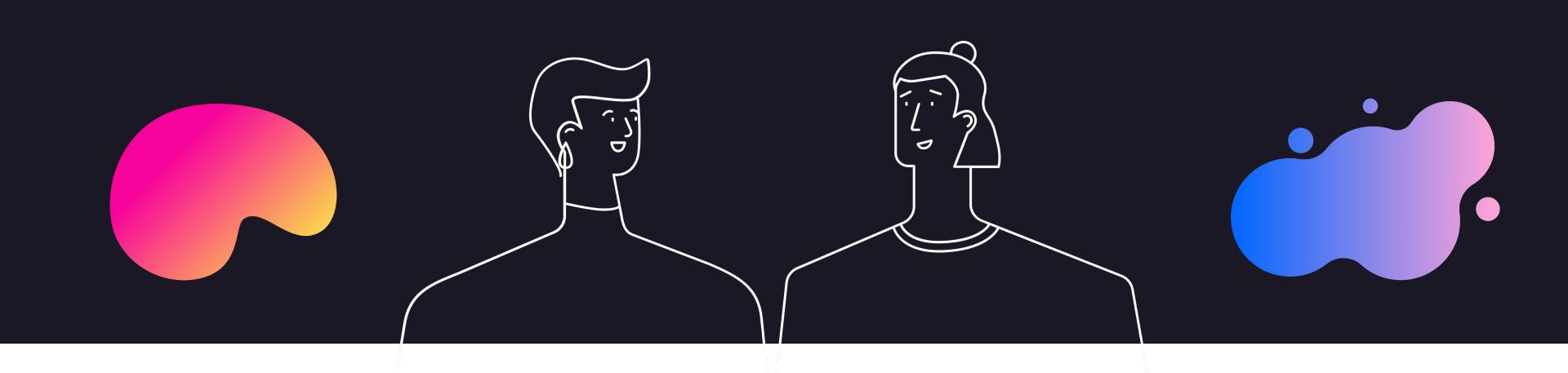


# TRAINING AND MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

#### Members will be required to:

- Attend 1 training session per academic year, or more by personal request
- Attend 1 craft event per semester
- Attend 1 fundraising event per semester
- Attend at least 1 patient visit per semester
- Get 2 volunteer hours per semester
- Pass an online training module
- Members must pay dues
- \*Hazing is Prohibited





#### Officer Positions:

**Event/Outreach Coordinator**: Networks with locations, oncology clinics, and potential visiting locations to organize events, patient visits, and special activities

**Event Committee member**: multiple openings, help prepare event materials and allow members to get more direct guidance during events and activities.

**Fundraising Chair**: Raises money in order to support events and activities through member and alumni participation

**Social Chair**: Creates fun events for members to participate in and Maintains the organization's social media with all relevant updates and events

## QUESTIONS?

Contact us!

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https://joycentric.org

Please fill out our new member application form below

If interested, fill out the Officer application BY APRIL 17!

#### Membership Application





#### Officer Application

