
MLC CANCER FOUNDATION



Patricia Arlene Via

Patricia Via has devoted her life to championing the eradication of cancer, in any form, by aligning her outreach work with organizations devoted to assisting others. “My goals are to develop a faith-based community and to provide a haven for those battling cancer,” says Mrs. Via. With over 10 years’ volunteer experience, Mrs. Via has organized numerous community outreach programs and events to bring awareness to the importance of yearly screening for the early detection of cancer.

A native Virginian, Mrs. Via excelled at Virginia Western Community College where she studied Business Administration. Her studies propelled her into a business environment at several public and private organizations with increasing responsibilities. While employed at Georgia Pacific for over 28 years, Mrs. Via created a Natural Health and Fitness Program for all employees to promote a “Balance Approach to Body, Mind and Spirit.” Currently employed with ResCare for over 10 years, Mrs. Via assist patients with disabilities and encouraged them to reach their highest level of independence while providing quality services through ethical business practices.

SELECTED CANCER EXPERIENCE

- **2012-2018:** Mrs. Via has been honored to be the keynote speaker at the annual Only Way Church of Christ Women’s Conference.
- **2011-2012:** Mrs. Via was a local breast cancer ambassador including Martinsville, Henry County, Roanoke and Danville Virginia. In addition to Virginia, she has served as an ambassador in Eden, North Carolina. She assisted patients with identifying financial resources available to them, as they battled cancer.
- **2012:** Mrs. Via organized the Cancer Survivor Celebration, “A WALK TO CELEBRATE LIFE” and raised over \$5,000 towards this cause. The celebration was featured in the Martinsville Bulletin and gained an interview with the local ABC Channel 13.
- **2012:** Mrs. Via founded and served as the CEO of the MLC Cancer Foundation. MLC is a nonprofit organization that offers outreach and financial assistance resources to cancer patients.

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- In 2015, MLC entered a contest sponsored by Ambry Genetics entitled, “Battle for the Breast.” This program highlighted the importance of genetic testing.
- MLC was subsequently awarded the grand prize of \$50,000 in vouchers after competing with fourteen organizations, including Chase Manhattan Medical Centers and others.

Mrs. Via is married to Mr. Jesse Via and they have two children, Telesa Via-Ferguson and Torrey Via. The Via’s also reared their niece, Monica Carter. Mrs. Via is a member of **The Only Way Church of Christ** in Eden, North Carolina where she is a member of the mass choir and serves as the Vice President of Missionaries.