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Carol Vassiliadis

Carol Vassiliadis and her family have had a significant impact through UC San Diego in several areas that touch them personally, most notably in cancer care and research at Moores UC San Diego Cancer Center, and in the expansion of scholarly study of Greek culture in the Division of Arts and Humanities. A woman dedicated to her passions, Carol is known throughout the community for taking action where she sees need and opportunity, which has led to, among other kudos, recognition as a Women's Auxiliary Woman of Dedication in 2011, and to her current appointment on the UC San Diego Foundation Board of Trustees.

A native of New York, Carol moved to San Diego at age 19. She attended San Diego State University, where she earned a teaching credential; she taught high school for eight years in Pasadena and San Diego districts. SDSU was also where she met her future husband, Alkiviadis.

When "Laki" developed colon cancer many years later, a close friend and UC San Diego cancer researcher, Dr. John Pierce, helped the Vassiliadis family navigate the complexities of treatment, which gave Carol insight into the work going on at Moores and the work yet to be accomplished. When Alkiviadis passed away in 2002, Carol and her children, Andrew and Melissa, gave considerable thought to his legacy.

The Carol and Alkiviadis Vassiliadis Endowed Fellowship for Cancer Prevention was established by Carol and her family in 2004 to permanently honor the memory of Alkiviadis, and to support promising young oncologists. Shortly after, the Vassiliadis family honored another important facet of Alkiviadis' life – his ancestral culture – by establishing the Alkiviadis Vassiliadis Endowed Chair in Byzantine Greek History.

Carol is very active in the region's Greek community, and is an active member of the Ladies Philoptochos Society of Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church. She also serves on the board of Saint Katherine College, an independent Orthodox Christian college in Encinitas, and was instrumental in garnering support for two other Greek endowed chairs at UC San Diego.

She has been on Gala committees benefiting Moores UC San Diego Cancer Center, the Old Globe and Meals on Wheels. Carol has served on the Children's Home Society Board, the Children's Action League and the University of San Diego Parent Board. She is the current Parliamentarian of the Salvation Army Auxiliary.



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Carol is the recipient of the Henry F. Lippitt Award for her committed leadership and devoted service to the Francis Parker School from 1988 to 2006. Carol served as both a Parent Board Member and a Member of the Board of Trustees during that time.