



PRESS INFORMATION  
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## **MAKING HISTORY IN CANCER SUPPORT IN SPAIN**

MABS CANCER SUPPORT GROUP was formed on the 7th June 1999 in Marina Alta. Originally it was started for breast cancer sufferers but when the medical profession started to send along people with other types of cancer, the MABS message of support to ALL cancer patients became “Cancer is treated with chemotherapy and radiotherapy in various forms and everyone should go for it because more often than not its successful!”

That message has now been the rallying call for 12 years. Thanks to tireless work by Jacquelyne Philips MBE and her Committee, other branches have been established on the Costa Blanca, from Denia to Mar Menor as well as in Valencia, Costa del Azahar and Marbella, Costa del Sol.

Costa Blanca is now divided into Marina Alta North and Marina Alta South, with the division being in Benidorm. Murcia/Mar Menor covers the area south of Torreveija.

Marina Alta North covers the original towns from Denia to Calpe and North Benidorm, plus Valencia – and inland from these areas.

Marina Alta South incorporates branches in Gran Alicant, Torreveija and Orihuela, La Marina and Muxtamel – coastal and inland.

Murcia/Mar Menor takes over south of Torreveija covering the whole of the Murcia region, with satellite branches in Murcia Northwest, Murcia Northeast and Mazarrón

MABS survives on donations; nothing is received from local or central government. It is therefore exceptional that three quarters of a million Euros has been raised since 1999 in Marina Alta North alone. From that the Group has been able to spend a vast sum on equipment. MABS can now provide wheelchairs, hospital beds, Zimmer frames, ripple mattresses, shower chairs, toilet seat raisers, commode armchairs and commode wheelchairs, hoists large and small, table tops for over the beds, slipper mats..... Name it and if they don't have it, MABS will get it for you! The other two Costa Blanca branches have also raised huge sums of money for equipment and assistance thanks to tireless fundraising at such events as Race for Life and from the very many fundraising events held by bars, restaurants and clubs throughout the region.

But MABS doesn't just provide equipment! Hundreds and hundreds of people all over the Costa Blanca, Costa Cálida and Costa del Sol have been helped. There are MABS supporters in most towns being translators, drivers, nurses and carers plus buddies - all there to support those ill with cancer.

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Something lots of people don't realise is that MABS will give financial support to cancer patients if they need it. MABS has agreements with various hospitals and clinics from Valencia to Gibraltar that, for urgent cases, they will assist with reduced costs. Nursing homes also act if MABS asks for assistance. MABS can also help those whose papers are not quite in order to get the medical assistance they need.

Donations are accepted from families who can afford it – and if they cannot afford it, the work to help is totally free of charge. MABS theory is that having cancer is enough; why should you have to also worry about the financial cost?

MABS opened the first Cancer Support Centre in Moraira in 2009 and the second in San Javier in November 2010. Here those with cancer can go for remedial treatments such as massage and other 'feel good' treatments as well as share with others what is going on with their treatment, getting advice and help for themselves and their families.

There are now four MABS Cancer Support shops: La Jara (Denia), Mutxamel, San Javier and Totana. They are all manned by volunteers and all are highly successful in raising those essential funds for the Group.

If you, a loved one or a friend are suffering with cancer, please make MABS your first call.

**MURCIA/ MAR MENOR – from south of Torrevieja to Mazarrón and all points inland**  
**LYN**  
**DIRECTOR**  
**693 824 511**

**MARBELLA – including Estapona and the rest of Costa del Sol**  
**AGNES**  
**DIRECTOR**  
**952 833 568**

**MARINA ALTA SOUTH – from Benidorm to Torrevieja and all points inland**  
**SUE**  
**DIRECTOR**  
**664 266 991**

**MARINA ALTA NORTH – from Denia to Benidorm including Valencia and the Ayora Valley**  
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**966 482 662/699 152 167**

Time on your hands to donate to MABS? Please contact the MABS Director in your area.

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