

Friend for Life Cancer Support Network Annual Report 2016

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Friend for Life Cancer Support Network Peer Navigator New Trainees, 2016





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OUR MISSION

To help persons recently diagnosed with cancer and their loved ones navigate the path through diagnosis, treatment and recovery by pairing them with a trained survivor of a similar experience so they can face cancer with someone who's been there. Friend for Life volunteers are cancer survivors and caregivers who are trained by healthcare professionals to prepare them to support others as they confront the emotional, psychological and practical uncertainties posed by a cancer diagnosis. We refer to our volunteers as Peer Navigators. Callers are matched with Peer Navigators by diagnosis and course of treatment and, to the extent possible, by age and gender. No other organization in the area offers this form of one-on-one support for all types of cancer. At the end of 2016, Friend for Life volunteers numbered 332. An additional 68 survivors and caregivers are in the process of becoming Peer Navigators. They range in age from 26 to 94, with age at diagnosis ranging from 16 to 75 and represent survival of well over 50 cancer types.

PROGRAM SUCCESS

During 2016, Friend for Life Cancer Support Network:

- responded to a record 1,627 requests for support, a 6% increase over 2015

- Peer Navigators donated over 6,000 hours

- Peer Navigators spoke with over 900 students and their faculty mentors at the University of Louisville Schools of Medicine and Nursing and at Galen College of Nursing. Since 2007, Peer Navigators have shared the cancer patient perspective with over 5,000 future healthcare practitioners since 2007.

- partnered with other one-on-one cancer support organizations across the country in order to provide peer support for persons diagnosed with rare forms of cancer or recently-developed treatments

- trained 27 new Peer Navigators

PROGRAM GOALS

Friend for Life seeks to...

- continue to provide cost-free peer support to persons diagnosed with cancer and to their loved ones

- continue to provide quality training and ongoing support and education to volunteers

- enhance outreach to minority and underserved populations

- expand and improve infrastructure to keep up with advances in cancer knowledge and treatment, and increased numbers of survivors

2016 IN REVIEW

1,627 
Requests

651 
New Matches

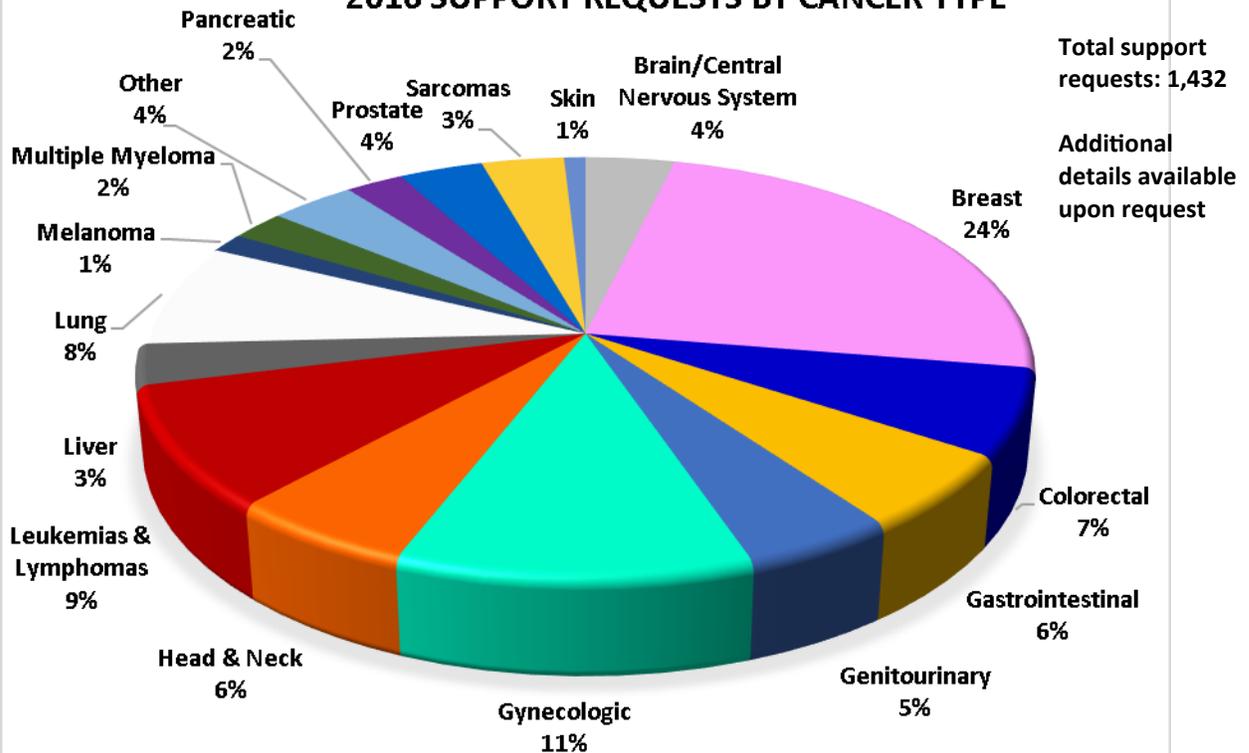
332 
Volunteers

68 
Pros. Vols.

3 
Staff

Total inquiries [requests for support, interest in volunteering, information and referral] **tripled** over the past 6 years.

2016 SUPPORT REQUESTS BY CANCER TYPE



**Financial Report
May 1, 2015– April 30, 2017**

Support and Revenues

Grants	\$42,975
Direct Public Support:	\$11,050
Fundraising	\$75,995
Total Revenues:	\$130,020

Expenses

Program Expenses	\$79,837
Administrative	\$13,701
Fundraising	\$15,030
Total Expenses	\$108,568

Net Assets, Beginning of Fiscal Year: **\$38,712**

Net Assets, April 30, 2017 : **\$60,164**

A copy of our Form 990 is available by request or on Guidestar

Grants Received FY 2016-2017

Astellas/Polaris
Susan G. Komen Louisville
KY Breast Cancer Research & Education
Trust Fund
Taiho Oncology

Sponsors & Major* Donors

Baptist Health Louisville
Community Health Charities of KY
LDG Development Group, LLC
Eli Lilly & Company
Norton Healthcare
The Oliver Group
St. Edward Parish
Sam Swope Family Foundation
SEC Foundation
RFX Technologies
Tri-Arrows Aluminum, Inc.
Ben Armstrong
Kurtis and Janet Ballard
Karen Donahue
Greg Friedmann
Arthur R. Kasey, III
Major Gen. Dulaney L. O’Roark, Jr.
Nancy Reynolds

Fundraising Events & Activities

Brackets for Good
Dining at The Village Anchor & Le Moo
Give Local Louisville
Kentucky Gives Day
Louisville Bats *Strike Out Cancer*
10th Annual *An Evening with Friends*

Amazon Smile
Kroger Cares

*\$500 and over

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