

# Friend for Life News



## A Standout Year of Volunteerism

Over the past year, we've received an abundance of assistance from a range of fantastic people who worked with Friend for Life staff and board members to strengthen our organization. Deepest thanks to all~

We welcomed a bumper crop of new **Peer Navigators**, several of whom are pictured above. In addition, we couldn't do the work we do without faithful office volunteers **Beverly Cronk** and **Sara O'Neil**. More recently, **Madison Harper**, **Melissa Lucas Bailey**, **Jan Eastburn** and **Frank Grubbs** have assisted with special projects. Y'all rock!

Retired or transitioning business executives **Janet Sims**, **Chris Hermann**, **Craig Grant**, **Gordon Strauss, MD**, and **Tom Monahan** provided guidance to staff and board through [Encore Louisville](#).



University of Louisville School of Business senior **Brittney Barbour** (right), performed a human resource assessment and report and assisted with a business partnership proposal, as part of a course designed by Management Professor **Dr. Frank Kuzmits**. The course pairs students with local nonprofits.



**Holy Cross High School** seniors **Jacob Kuerzi** and **Braxton Mattingly** (above) completed a service project with Friend for Life and organized a golf scramble that raised over \$1,300 for the organization.

Last, but far from least, **Wanda Dudley** (right) did her practicum with us this year while completing her Master's in Social Work through the Kent School's Oncology Social Work program. Congratulations and tremendous thanks, Wanda!



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*"I am writing to thank you so much for connecting us. She is the perfect match for me! S is a wonderful person and has been a true source of invaluable information and emotional support. I am so happy that I called Friend for Life."*

# A Year In Snapshots



Top row: **Becky Gross** speaks from the heart at *An Evening with Friends 2015*; **Phil Meeks** and granddaughter **Maddie** were featured for the month of March 2016 in the BMT Infonet Calendar, and **Colleen Johnson**, cancer survivor and multi-marathoner, poses with a trophy. All are Peer Navigators with Friend for Life.

Middle row: Holy Cross seniors **Jacob Kuerzi** and **Braxton Mattingly** present a check to FFL staff, proceeds from a golf scramble they organized; **Barry Cecil** facilitates training of Peer Navigators.

At right, FFL Peer Navigators tour downtown Louisville on a hot summer's day.





Did you know that Friend for Life Cancer Support Network provides support nationwide? Several Peer Navigators place pins where they've supported others facing cancer.  
Left column, top to bottom: **Letha Curtsinger, Jim Hartigan, Maxine Horton**  
Middle column: **Alex Rohleder, Marian Lancaster, Mari Hammer**  
Right column: **Barbara Gardner, Marty Horrar, Susan Booth, Lydia Bond, Susanna Sugrue**

## Upcoming Events and Opportunities

### Mark your Calendars

Upcoming events to support and celebrate Friend for Life Cancer Support Network

**Monday, April 11, 5p – 10p**

**Tuesday, May 24 (all day)**

**Summer, 2016**

**Saturday, August 27, 2016, 5:30**

**Thursday, September 15 (all day)**

**Monday, September 26, 5p – 10p**

[Village Anchor](#) kickback night

[Kentucky Gives Day](#)

[Comfy Cow](#) Ice Cream Social for Peer Navigators

10<sup>th</sup> annual *An Evening with Friends*

[Give Local Louisville](#)

[Village Anchor](#) kickback night

## The Friend for Life Bramlette and Sandmann Awards



Board member **Steve Jecker** accepts the *Friend for Life Sandmann Award* on behalf of the Jecker family

Friend for Life Cancer Support Network received a record 1,534 requests for peer support, interest in volunteering, and/or information during 2015

*An Evening with Friends 2015* introduced two new awards named in honor of Friend for Life Cancer Support Network co-founders **Phil Bramlette** and **Chuck Sandmann**. We were honored by the presence of Phil and Chuck's families at the event. Awardees are listed below.

### ***The Friend for Life Bramlette Award*** for Outstanding Support by a Business or Corporation

Norton Cancer Institute  
Baptist Health Louisville  
LDG Development and Friends  
RFX Technologies

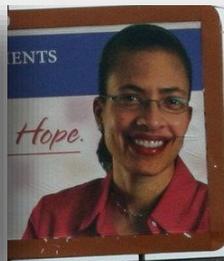
### ***The Friend for Life Sandmann Award*** for Outstanding Support of an Individual or Family

Jude Gallagher  
Ruby Gordon  
Mark Klein  
Barb Lechner  
Tammy McClanahan  
The Jecker Family

## In Grateful Remembrance

We will forever hold in our hearts fond memories of these treasured volunteers who passed away in 2015.

Nora White  
Jane Fuller  
Clara Sargent  
Betty Reuther  
Tina Denniston  
Pat Goodloe  
Carol Knizek  
Brenda Chene  
Julie Venetianer



*I think my association with Friend for Life is one of the most satisfying things I've ever done. ~ Brenda Chene*

# Thank you to our Donors

## **In Honor (honorees in bold)**

### **Alicia Ellsworth**

Stephen A. Linker

### **All women with breast cancer**

Susan Booth

### **Barb and Mark Lechner**

Sherry Kaufman

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## **In Memory**

### **Ernestine Webb**

Annette Weikel

### **Dr. Arthur Kasey, Jr. and Ruth Prinz Kasey**

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Brackets for Good  
Kroger  
Give Local Louisville  
GoodShop  
GoodSearch  
Kentucky Gives Day/Giving Tuesday  
Network for Good  
Akasha Brewing Company’s Pintwood Derby  
Village Anchor Restaurant

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*“Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to be a volunteer with [Friend for Life]. I have learned so much, grown so much from this experience. I give back and this makes me feel good but I really get a lot more than I give.”*

~ recent feedback from a Friend for Life Peer Navigator



At left: Friend for Life’s entry in the Pintwood Derby sponsored by [Akasha Brewing Company](#). Our entry was crafted by **John Kasey** and **Judy Kasey Houlette** and won one heat!

**Thank you to our supporters!**



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**SAVE THE DATE!**

***[An Evening with Friends 2016](#)***

**An event to support the work and mission of Friend for Life Cancer Support Network**

Saturday, August 27, 2016  
Audubon Country Club, 3265 Robin Road, 40213  
Doors open at 5:30

Keep up to date by visiting: [www.friend4life.org/events](http://www.friend4life.org/events) ; follow us on [Facebook](#); send us an e-mail: [staff@friend4life.org](mailto:staff@friend4life.org),  
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