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!

"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 Braxon 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  
Village Anchor kickback night

Tuesday, May 24 (all day)  
Kentucky Gives Day

Summer, 2016  
Comfy Cow Ice Cream Social for Peer Navigators

Saturday, August 27, 2016, 5:30  
10th annual An Evening with Friends

Thursday, September 15 (all day)  
Give Local Louisville

Monday, September 26, 5p – 10p  
Village Anchor kickback night

The Friend for Life Bramblette and Sandmann Awards

An Evening with Friends 2015 introduced two new awards named in honor of Friend for Life Cancer Support Network co-founders Phil Bramblette 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 Bramblette 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

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.

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

*Denny Carr*
BD and DL Hickman
Chris and Karen Knopf
Douglas and Judith Kronenberg
E. Allen Glass and Linda K. Ison
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John and Jaye Lavalle
Linda G. Smith
Steve and Debbie Jecker
Wynn Everett-Allen and James Allen

*Carol Somplatsky-Jarman*
Bill Somplatsky-Jarman

*Gayle England and Pete Norling*
Jim and Kathy Jo Pullen

*Geetha Joseph, MD*
Sam Swope Family Foundation

*Ruth Jecker*
John and Jane Gumbel

*Annette Weikel*
Jim and Patsy Catlett
Sandra L. Smith

*Ruby Gordon*
Simon Wolf

*Patsy and Jim Catlett*
Pam and Steve Catlett
Richard and Victoria Buckley
Sandra L. Smith
Scott and Celia Catlett
Don and Carolyn Snow

*Judy, Nicole and FFL Volunteers*
Evangeline Rich
Jaime L. Studts
Marian K. Lancaster
Patrick L. Vaughn

*Susan Omer*
Ruby Gordon

*Gordon Strauss*
Duncan Strauss
Erica Strauss

*Jeffrey B. Hargis, MD*
Lydia Bond

*Nicole Guffey Wiseman*
Mason Wiseman

*Mr. and Mrs. Big John Richardson*
John F. Richardson

**In Memory**

*Ernestine Webb*
Annette Weikel

*Dr. Arthur Kasey, Jr. and Ruth Prinz Kasey*
Arthur R. Kasey, Ill

*Kay Armstrong*
Ben Armstrong
Beth Armstrong Fangman

*Marianne Bailey*
Beth Fangman

*Brenda L. Chene*
Dotti Russell
Ruby Gordon
Patsy Catlett
Annette Weikel
John W. Murner
William R. Chene
Timothy B. Lair
Jeanette Giska Flesch

*Joel Talton Embry*
John and Judy Kasey

*Mary Clark*
Tami L. Milburn

*Maryellen Kantz*
Patricia McBride

*Mike Harlan*
Tiffany Hibbs

*Pat Goodloe*
Ruby Gordon

*Paula Shafer*
Patricia McBride

*Phil Bramblette*
Mike and Tara Gnau

*Charles I. Sandmann*
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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

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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!
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; follow us on Facebook; send us an e-mail: staff@friend4life.org, or give us a call (502) 893-0643.