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## Annual Report—2017

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- Thirty (30) people approached Putnam First Cancer Fund (PFCF), a 501(c)3 charity, about assistance and were referred to the Palatka Christian Service Center (PCSC) to determine eligibility to receive funds from PFCF.
  - Three (3) people were “no shows” at the PCSC
  - One (1) person did not qualify for assistance
  - Three (3) people managed to get insurance coverage
  - One (1) person received financial assistance through PCSC and not PFCF
- We served a total of 22 individuals with financial assistance, spending \$15,602, or an average of \$709 an individual.
  - Eleven (11) people received emergency financial assistance for a total of \$10,261, or an average of \$933 each.
  - Twelve (12) people received financial assistance for diagnostic testing, care tender assistance, or other types of medically-related services for a total of \$5,341, or an average of \$445 each.
  - One (1) person received both emergency financial and diagnostic testing assistance from PFCF.
  - Eighteen (18) people did indeed have cancer and were referred for treatment, or 82% of those we helped. Two (2) individuals were happy to find out that their symptoms were negative for cancer.

## EDUCATION

With assistance from AccuBoost, Putnam Community Medical Center—Cancer Center, and the Florida Breast Education Foundation, we mailed out about 3,700 fliers about breast cancer and knowing one's breast.

We printed shower cards regarding breast self-exams. Palatka High School teacher Sharon Harris did a presentation on breast cancer to all her students and handed out the shower cards to all of them—178 students who received the information and card.

About 300 fliers were sent out to local medical providers and local charities for the needy regarding our ability to provide for sitting services.

## INCOME

In 2017, we received \$40,665. The money came as a result of local fundraisers, grants, memorials, or gifts. Our charity is totally a volunteer organization. The only expenses not related to financial assistance for individuals included corporate taxes, checks, and insurance—\$1,837 or 4.5% of our income, which means that 95.5% of our funds were available to provide financial assistance to potential cancer patients or to cancer patients.

## CONCLUSION

We succeeded to fulfill all parts of our mission as a 501(c)3 charity, which is

- To receive and/or solicit contributions;
- To financially assist residents of Putnam County who have been diagnosed with cancer or who may need diagnostic testing to determine the presence of cancer;
- To also use our contributions to facilitate educational awareness and cancer screening programs and activities within Putnam County, Florida.