



Annual Report—2018

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- Sixty six (66) people approached Putnam First Cancer Fund (PFCF), a 501(c)3 charity, about assistance.
 - Sixty-four (64) people were given screening dates with the Palatka Christian Service Center (PCSC) to determine eligibility to receive funds from PFCF.
 - Sixty (60) people were vetted as meeting our qualifications for assistance.
 - Fifty five (55) were approved by PFCF for financial assistance with diagnostic testing, sitting services, or emergency financial matters.
 - **Forty eight (48) people actually received some form of financial assistance from PFCF.**
 - Seven (7) people no longer needed assistance from PFCF because they managed to get insurance, found other means of assistance, moved elsewhere, or chose not to have the procedures performed.
 - Four (4) chose not to go for vetting by PCSC.
 - Two (2) people immediately chose not to seek assistance from PFCF.
 - Almost \$79,000 worth of financial assistance was approved for the 55 people seeking help.

- Over \$43,000 was actually spent on diagnostic testing for 24 people, or almost \$1,800 per person.
 - Eleven (11) people did indeed have cancer and were referred for treatment, or 46% of those we helped with diagnostic testing.
 - Eleven (11) individuals were happy to find out that their symptoms were negative for cancer.
 - Two (2) individuals met with a physician, for which we paid, and did not have any diagnostic testing done.
- Over \$13,000 was actually spent on sitting services or emergency financial assistance for rent, utilities, etc., for 25 people, or about \$545 per person.
- One (1) person received both emergency financial and diagnostic testing assistance from PFCF.
- Combined, we averaged about \$1,200 per individual served in 2018.

EDUCATION

Our continuing education efforts about early detection (including breast cancer awareness) and the services provided by PFCF evolved around the Rotary health fair, the Putnam County Fair, Dr. Kuruvilla's weekly talk show program on the radio stations AM and FM WIYD/WPLK, and his meetings with medical staff, pulmonologists, and medical administrators.

Quite often these meetings were about a new education effort by PFCF with regard to low dose CT (LDCT). The first step in educating the public about the importance of this diagnostic tool was to encourage the credentialing of radiology department CT scans to be certified for LDCTs—our big educational effort for 2019.

None of these educational efforts required the expenditure of PFCF revenue.

INCOME

In 2018, we received \$52,526. 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 payments to the State of Florida corporate related items and insurance—\$1,628 or 3% of our income, which

means that 97% 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.