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## Annual Report—2023

Putnam First Cancer Fund (PFCF) is a 501(c)3 charity designed to help cancer patients of Putnam County and potential cancer patients of the county.

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- One-hundred-eleven (111) potential clients were referred to the Palatka Christian Service Center to determine eligibility to receive funds from PFCF. Fourteen (14) of those individuals were returning to PFCF for financial assistance from previous years. Prior to vetting, one (1) person was determined ineligible. Nine (9) individuals chose not to be vetted. One-hundred-one (101) individuals were actually vetted.
- One-hundred-one (101) clients were approved by PFCF to receive financial assistance.
  - **Eighty-six (86) people actually received some form of financial assistance from PFCF.**
    - \* Forty-three (43) people received diagnostic testing or other medical assistance (not treatment) from PFCF.
    - \* Forty-eight (48) people received emergency financial aid from PFCF.
    - \* Five (5) of the above individuals received both types of assistance from PFCF.
  - Fifteen (15) people who were approved for financial assistance did not receive assistance for a variety of reasons (e.g., received health insurance).
- \$194,501.39 worth of financial assistance was approved for eighty-six (86) people seeking help. \$139,837.44 was actually spent in 2023 on these individuals.

- \$52,199.45 was actually spent on diagnostic testing for forty-three (43) people, or about \$1,214 per person
- \$87,637.99 was actually spent on transportation or emergency financial assistance for rent, utilities, etc., for forty-eight (48) people, or about \$1,826 per person.
- Combined, we averaged about \$1,626 per individual for the eighty-six (86) served in 2023.

### EDUCATION

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 constituted the majority of our educational efforts.

No educational efforts required the expenditure of PFCF revenue.

### OUTREACH

During 2023, PFCF conducted an outreach campaign geared to populations that could have medically disadvantage residents of Putnam County. PFCF was reaching out to those individuals to inform them of our services. In 2022, PFCF had sixty-one (61) potential clients compared to one-hundred-eleven (111) in 2023. The actual number of clients served between 2022 and 2023 increased by thirty-five (35) individuals. PFCF concluded that it had succeeded with it's outreach campaign.

### INCOME

Our income came as a result of donations from local fundraisers (42%), memorials or gifts (48%), and grants (10%).

Our charity is totally a volunteer organization. The only expenses not related to financial assistance for individuals included payments to the State of Florida for corporate-related items, insurance, CPA services, postage, etc.—\$4,028 or 1.5% of our income, which means that about 98.5% of our funds were available to provide financial assistance to potential cancer patients or to cancer patients.

## CONCLUSION

We succeeded in fulfilling 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.