



Dear Friends of the Putnam First Cancer Fund,

Thank you for your year after year support of our organization in aiding Putnam County residents. Early cancer diagnosis generally means better outcomes. Having cancer is understandably stressful, especially when faced with high bills.

The Putnam First Cancer Fund was started in 2014 by a group of local volunteers who wanted to help Putnam County residents who could not afford to see a doctor for an early diagnosis. We soon discovered that they are overwhelmed by the stress of catastrophic bills, transportation costs, living expenses, in home care, and co-pays if they have a cancer diagnosis. (Note, we do not pay for cancer treatments. We do aid these individuals in obtaining other means to assist them with their cancer treatment costs.)

From 2015 to 2023, we have provided \$475,524 to 397 Putnam County residences dealing with cancer. Through June of 2024, we have assisted 67 individuals with approximately \$64,000. The need and the costs keep going up.

We are an all-volunteer organization, and we simply would like your financial help to assist others in our community. **Our annual *Denim & Diamonds Gala and Annual Golf Tournament* fundraising events are coming up. We would appreciate your generosity by sponsoring one or both fundraising events, or directly donating to Putnam First Cancer Fund. Either way, your dollars go back to our Putnam County residents in need. (Note, when you sponsor one of our fundraising events, we increase the worth of your dollar by making more money.)** We also hope you will join us to celebrate at our gala and golf tournament. The information is attached.

We appreciate you and hope to hear from you soon!

Most Sincerely,

Mary Garcia, President of the Putnam First Cancer Fund, and members of our Executive Committee including Taylor Douglas, Linda Girardin, Deb Johnson, Roxane Kennedy, Dr. Anand Kuruvilla, Ken Mahaffey, Vernon Myers, Vonshell Offord, Barbara Scholl, Weezie Smith, Mary Makie Connor Saucier, Elizabeth van Rensburg, and Dr. John Wolfenden. And members of our Board of Trustees including President JR Newbold, Ben Bates, Charlie Douglas, Rev. Karl Flagg, Dr. John Gaines, Dr. Pat Harris, Ed Hedstrom, Kris Hilliard, Bobby Payne and Bill Pickens.