



Annual Report—2025

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

- **INQUIRES:** Ninety-one (91) individuals approached PFCF inquiring about receiving assistance.
 - The requests of seventy-nine (79) individuals were forwarded to the Executive Committee for action.
 - For various reasons, the approaches of twelve (12) individuals were not processed further.
- **REQUESTS:** The Executive Committee received one-hundred-thirty (130) requests for help from seventy-nine (79) clients. Many of these individuals asked more than once for help with either diagnostic testing or assistance with bills.
 - The committee approved one-hundred-twenty-seven (127) of the 2025 requests, which equated to seventy-seven (77) clients
 - One (1) request was withdrawn.
 - One (1) request was denied.
- **ASSISTANCE:** PFCF did not expend funds in 2025 on all of the seventy-nine (79) due to end of year processing of requests. **Seventy-four (74) individuals did receive financial assistance during 2025.**
 - These seventy-four (74) individuals included fifty-five (55) brand new clients to PFCF.
 - Nineteen (19) clients returned from previous years.
 - Of the nineteen (19) clients, six (6) were vetted in 2024 and were continuing to receive financial assistance from PFCF in 2025 although they did not need to make additional requests.
- **TYPE OF ASSISTANCE:** PFCF pays for medical expenses such as for diagnostic testing to determine the presence of cancer or for tooth extraction and not for treatment of

cancer. PFCF also pays for living expenses for cancer patients (including transportation assistance to treatments).

- Thirty-one (31) clients had their diagnostic testing paid for by PFCF. Of those individuals needing to determine if their problem was cancer, twenty-one (21) lucky individuals did not have cancer, seven (7) did, and three (3) are awaiting test results.
- One (1) individual required financial assistance for teeth removal prior to cancer treatment.
- Thirty-eight (38) clients received emergency financial aid from PFCF.
- Four (4) of the above individuals received both types of assistance from PFCF.
- **EXPENSES:** \$151,890 was spent on seventy-four (74) clients.
 - \$49,342 was actually spent on diagnostic testing for 32 clients, or about \$1,542 per client.
 - \$102,549 was actually spent on transportation or emergency financial assistance for rent, utilities, etc., for 38 clients, or about \$2,699 per client.
 - Combined, we averaged about \$2,053 per client for the 74 served in 2025.

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.

INCOME

Our income came as a result of PFCF fundraisers and donations from local fundraisers, memorials or gifts, grants, and other sources.

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.—\$5,146 or 1.4% of our income, which means that about 98.7% of our funds were available to provide financial assistance to potential cancer patients or to cancer patients.

DEMOGRAPHICS

We served all genders and individuals from 4 years of age to 90 years old.

Our clients lived throughout Putnam County—Bardin, Crescent City, East Palatka, Florahome, Georgetown, Hollister, Interlachen, Palatka, Pomona Park, San Mateo, Satsuma, Welaka.

Breast, genito urinary (e.g., bladder, prostate), GI (e.g., colo-rectal, pancreas), gynecological (e.g., cervix, uterine), head and neck, lung, thyroid cancers are the examples of types of cancer our clients had in 2025.

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.