



The Cancer Foundation
SERVING NORTHEAST GEORGIA

Newsletter: Fall 2023

THANKS TO YOU, WE DID IT **2023 Sip & Shuck was a HUGE Success!**

On September 14, 2023, guests gathered for an elegant evening of light bites and libations at the beautiful Hardman-Sams Estate located at 255 Milledge Ave. They enjoyed freshly shucked oysters from the SeaBear Shuck & Truck, light bites catered by Trumps Catering, libations by 2nd City Beverage Company, live music by Athens All-Stars, a silent auction of locally handmade artwork mostly donated by patients we have helped, and a 50/50 raffle.

\$25K MATCH CHALLENGE

Double the Donation:

That evening TCF was also able to announce that a generous donor agreed to match every single dollar raised up to \$25K. Executive Director and childhood cancer survivor, Joey Tripp shared his emotional story of the financial toxicity his family experienced while he underwent treatment.

Joey also shared with guests the information about the generous pledge and encouraged guests to help **"Fund the Need."**

Thanks to the generosity of supporters, old and new, The Cancer Foundation met the challenge and received the matching **\$25,000 gift.**

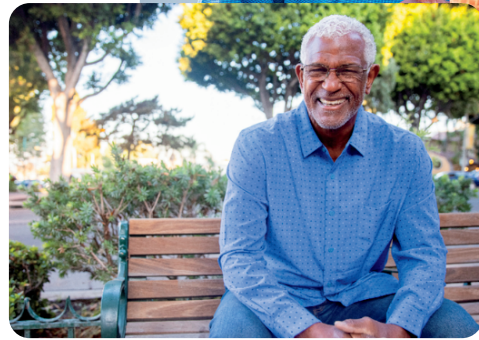
The mission of The Cancer Foundation is to help alleviate the financial burden of cancer for eligible patients. Serving 25 counties of northeast Georgia, TCF provides help in the form of financial assistance for housing, utilities, transportation and other critical needs during cancer treatment. Since 2009, we have provided over **\$4 million** in financial support to nearly **5,000** families across northeast Georgia! Our commitment to fiscal transparency earned Candid's Platinum Rating for 2023.



IN THEIR *own* Words

Thanks to you, eligible cancer patients across northeast Georgia received the good news that their bills had been paid. Your generous gift has the power to connect these individuals with their cancer treatment, help them avoid eviction and keeps the lights on while in treatment. Thank you for making a difference in their lives.

“The three gas cards helped so very much. Daniel had bladder cancer, kidney failure, nephrostomy tubes, and heart failure. We spent every day for 4 months going to doctors’ appointments, hospitals, and labs. The stress of driving my brother to Gainesville and Watkinsville (heavy traffic) was tremendous! Not having to worry about money for gas to all those appointments was a *blessing.”*



We are so grateful to all of the contributors who donated. We are also grateful to the people with The Cancer Foundation for being so kind and helpful. You all helped to make a hard and stressful time better for us.

Thank you all!

Remembering Emily Ann Hill

February 17, 1999 - April 21, 2023

Emily Ann Hill was diagnosed with colon cancer in 2020. After her cancer diagnosis, Emily became an avid supporter of The Cancer Foundation.

“My battle with cancer has been anything but easy, and I can’t even begin to imagine going through this fight with the added stress of financial insecurity. Raising money to help ease the burden for other cancer patients is something that means the world to me!”



Emily graduated from Clemson University Magna Cum Lade with a BSN in Nursing and was enrolled at Brenau University pursuing her career as a cardiac nurse practitioner. Emily worked at Piedmont Athens Regional in the Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit. Emily was the daughter of Dr. J Clark Hill, III and Doreen (Hart) Hill.

Prior to losing her battle with cancer in April 2023, Emily made significant contributions to The Cancer Foundation providing financial assistance to 62 families. Emily's friends and family have continued her dream and have contributed nearly \$13,000 to TCF, assisting an additional 17 families. The Hill Family plans to continue Emily's mission this Holiday season with her sister, Callie, leading the charge.

Remember With Love

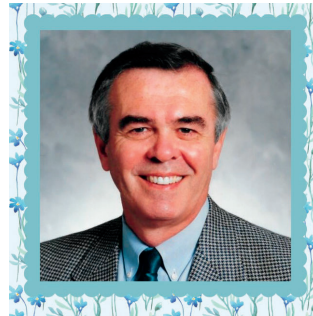
April through September 2023



*Deborah "Debbie" P.
Wilkins-Crawford*



Audrey Cheek



Richard Lynch



*Frank "Jack" Jackson
Baggett*



Phil Fannin



Alice Faye Lowe Miller



Belinda Gibbons

In Loving Memory of.....

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Alice Faye Lowe Miller
Andrea Yeany
Audrey Cheek
Barbara Smith
Belinda Gibbons
Charlene McCullick
Charles Fouche
David Bohanan
Debbie Crawford
Donald Jack Brown
Elizabeth "Betsy" Gallant
Emily Hill
Frank "Jack" Baggett
Freeman Cantrell**

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Jane Cahoon
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Joy B. Adcock
Joyce Sellers
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Melissa Oglesbee
Michael Cleghorne
Patricia "Dianne" Graham
Peggy Mobley
Pete Argo
Phillip Fannin
Rachel Logan
Richard E. "Dick" Hodgetts
Richard Lynch
Richard Whitener
Rosemary Tyson**

**Roy Mallady
Sheila Michael Shelor
Stephanie Gamble
Tom Bryan**

Our *Remember With Love* program pays tribute to those who have lost their battle with this devastating disease. If you would like to learn more about honoring your loved one through t our *Remember With Love* program or hosting a legacy celebration in memory of your loved one please contact Tina Laseter, Director of Development at 706-353-4354 ext. 3 or tlaseter@cfnega.org.



TCF RECEIVES \$10K FROM JACKSON EMC FOUNDATION

funded by the contributions of the cooperative's members

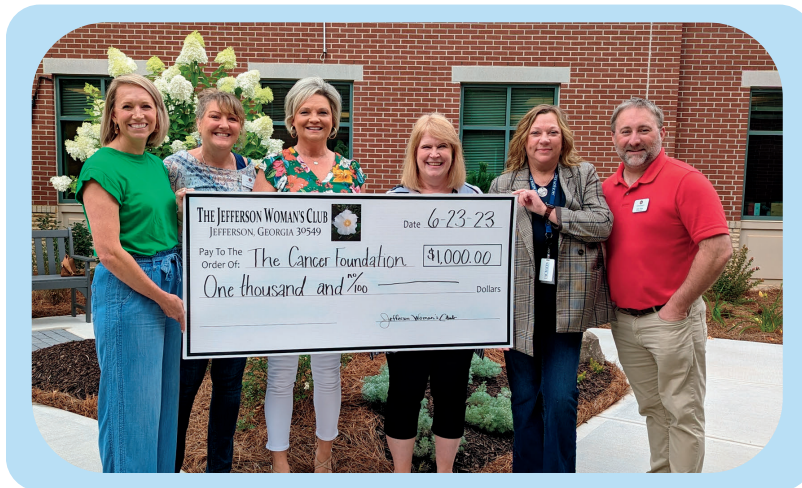


The Cancer Foundation received \$10,000 to assist residents of Banks, Barrow, Clarke, Franklin, Jackson, Lumpkin, Madison and Oglethorpe counties with housing and transportation costs while residents of these communities undergo treatment.

Pictured L to R: Dr. Cynthia Shepherd, TCF Board Member, Kenny Lumpkin, Jackson EMC Foundation, Brittany Davidson, Operations Manager, Joey Tripp, Executive Director and Jean Mullis Jackson EMC and TCF Board Member.



JEFFERSON WOMAN'S CLUB CONTINUES THEIR COMMITMENT TO TCF



Pictured L to R: Elizabeth Vernedoe, Tina Laseter, Development Director, Dawn McCook, Elaine Roller, Jean Mullis, TCF Board Member and Joey Tripp, Executive Director.

The Jefferson Woman's Club gave their first gift to The Cancer Foundation in 2021. Since then, they have helped TCF keep up with the increased demand by increasing their support each year. Just as their support has grown, the partnership has grown. Tina Laseter, Development Director, spoke to the entire club in October. **If you are interested in having TCF speak at your community group, organization, club or church** please contact Tina Laseter at 706-353-4354 ext. 3.



Patient Pantry Program to Expand thanks to the Meeting Unmet Need Grant

Earlier this summer, Athens Community Council on Aging reached out to talk about ways we could partner to provide meals to cancer patients.

Thanks to Meals on Wheels America, ACCA was awarded "Meeting Unmet Need Grant" to deliver and expand nutrition options in our community, with the goal of serving the nutritional needs of underserved or unserved seniors and expanding access to medically tailored meals. In total, **\$1.2 million in grants were awarded to 56 local Meals on Wheels program.**

Together TCF and ACCA will provide nutritious meals to people living with cancer in the Athens community.



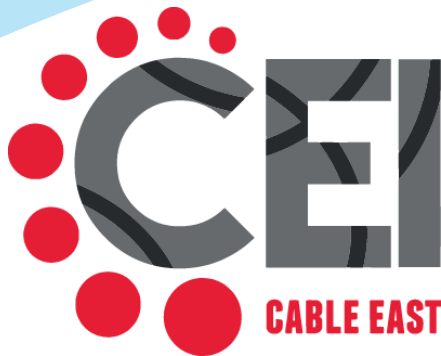
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Community Partners

DID YOU KNOW?

November is Lung Cancer Awareness month. Did you know that lung cancer is the second most commonly diagnosed cancer in both men and women, but is the most common cause of cancer death? In 2020, there were more deaths attributed to lung cancer than breast, colorectal, and prostate combined. More people die of lung cancers because it tends to be diagnosed in later stages when it is harder to treat.

What can you do to lower your risk of lung cancers? First and foremost, do not smoke. But if you have been a smoker and wonder what you can do to detect lung cancer early, there may be screening available! If you are between 50 and 80 and in fairly good health, currently smoke or have quit in the last 15 years and have at least a 20 pack-a-year smoking history, you may be eligible for a special low-radiation CT scan that may help find cancers early and give you the best chances for a cure. **Ask your health care provider if you may be a candidate for a low-dose CT program.** In the meantime, think about getting help quitting by calling the Georgia Quit Line at 877-270-STOP (877-270-7867) or texting **READY** to 34191.



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Cheers!

April thru September 2023

Bob and Susan Waugh
Connie Fleming
Micki Dickerson
Dr. James Splichal
Dr. Jeff Thomas
McCall Grosso
Elizabeth McKinney
Dr. Petros Nikolinakos
Lisa Rawls
Dr. Cynthia Shepherd
Dr. Gustavo Westin

Stephen Friend
Dr. Jeffrey Thomas
Joey Tripp
Robert Wall
Alison McCullick
Camilla Bracewell

Our *Cheers!* program celebrates individuals in a meaningful way. Whether a survivor tribute gift, anniversary gift, birthday or thank you gift, the honoree receives a customized notecard from The Cancer Foundation with your special message.

YOUR IMPACT:

Program Update

Thru Q3 2023



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KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- 791 patients served to date
- ✔ \$593,250 of financial assistance committed
- Transportation assistance continues to be our #1 request
- ✔ Housing cost remains our second most request for assistance
- Utilities payments come in at #3
- ✔ Served a minimum of 1 client in each of our 25-county service area
- 52 Patient Pantry Bags distributed
- ✔ TCF provided an average of \$10,325 of emergency financial assistance each week
- TCF served an average of 40 patients each week: typically, 18 of them new to TCF



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*The **holidays are here** and while they are for many a time of celebration, the season can also be a time with unique challenges for anyone affected by cancer.*

Here is a quick list of actions that can help.

- **Be kind to yourself.** This can take place in very subtle ways: taking a nap, stretching, reading a book or simply reflecting on your own goodness.
- **Make someone a care package.** Fill it with inexpensive nicknacks, stickers, art supplies, chocolate, any small random assortment of odds and ends that will make someone smile.
- **Honor your loved one with new traditions.** If this is your first holiday season without them, greet the season by giving yourself the freedom to feel and reflect on how much they would want you to thrive.
- **Go on a spontaneous adventure!** This can be as simple as buying a vegetable you've never cooked before and trying a new recipe, doing something out of the ordinary like taking a painting class, going to a museum, or finding some live music. Get creative and pursue your curiosity.
- **Find a hobby.** Look for something that sparks your interest, or something that's been on your list for some time. Painting, reading, crossword puzzles, jigsaw puzzles are a few that can put the mind at ease.
- **Predict the tough times** before they have a chance to set in. Sit down with a calendar and make some plans ahead of time to do some social activities a few times a week. Volunteering, joining or starting a book club, playing cards or simply going for regular walks with a friend will have big results.
- **Make a short list of people to call and post it to your refrigerator.** Good friends, relatives, and people you've been meaning to get in touch with for some time. Call them.
- **The little things make a big difference.** Helping someone with decreased mobility by taking their trash to the curb, putting decorations and lights up in their yard, or bringing in their mail is a warm win-win for everyone involved.

Tim Platz, MSW Student UGA Intern
Loran Smith Cancer Center

