



SHARING HOPE

COURAGE
THROUGH CANCER™
ANNUAL REPORT 2023

FROM OUR FOUNDER

Barbara K. Linton



We are humbled and grateful for the opportunities each day to meet precious people in our community and across the miles as we come alongside them during one of the most difficult times in life – a cancer journey – and give them Hope!

One such ministry opportunity started in an elevator. A precious individual, who battled cancer alone during COVID, had just started her cancer battle for the third time! Her countenance reflected a heavy heart! And it was our privilege to tell her about Courage Through Cancer Ministries and offer her a Cancer Care Bag with multiple support items. She was so grateful to meet and receive the Cancer Care Bag with a beautiful knit hat -- a covering for her head, when the

anticipated hair loss came once again. We offered Amy* a "Fear Not" blanket, which she immediately embraced as well. She stated how cold she was during chemotherapy treatments, and the blanket would keep her warm. And then we offered to pray for Amy*, and she welcomed the spiritual support too! We joined hands and humbly, yet boldly, asked God for His guidance in Amy's* life, for His strength, and His healing work! And as we said, "Amen," her bear-hug embrace and genuine, "Thank you," said it all! (*Name changed.)

In 2023, it was our privilege to come along side of more than 2,100 precious people with cancer and give them hope and much needed support from Courage Through Cancer Ministries! THANK YOU for your partnership with us that made this possible!

Barbara Linton

2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Barbara K. Linton, President

Barbara is the founder of Courage Through Cancer Ministries, whose life has been transformed by God and her own personal cancer experience. With the support of her husband, Jay, Barbara finds great joy in serving the Lord and others each day through the work of this ministry.



Gary F. Linton, Treasurer

After 25 years of bi-vocational pastoring, Gary left the banking industry in 2009 to become the Senior Pastor of Seminole Baptist Church in Tallahassee. Gary is married to Sharon Mae Linton and was successfully treated for cancer in 2005. He remains cancer free today.



Jeffery K. Linton

Jay's wife Barbara and his brother are cancer survivors. A Tallahassee native, Jay has 40 years of experience in computer services and operations management and 25 years in leadership.



Scott Beigle

Scott joined the Board in 2017 and he and his wife Brenda are members of Thomasville Road Baptist Church. Scott lost his mother to cancer and says, "It can hit anyone." As the President of Faith Radio, Scott says, "We talk to people every day who are dealing with cancer."



Sheri Adkins, Secretary

Chronic Myeloid Leukemia has taken Sheri and her husband Mark on a journey that she says, "has been amazing because I have gotten to see God's work in my life and all of the positives that have come from my cancer diagnosis." Sheri is retired from the medical field.



Mark Adkins

"Cancer is not a stranger to anyone anymore. My younger brother lost a battle with cancer and my wife Sheri has been in a battle with Chronic Myeloid Leukemia for over a decade. Courage Through Cancer Ministries is the partnership that supports the spiritual needs."

9,110 THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE NUMBERS

2,158

People (first-time contacts) supported through receipt of a **Cancer Care Bag or Package**

314

People encouraged through a **Face-to-Face Visit** or by attending a support group.

562

People received encouragement and prayer support through the **Phone Ministry**, 12 of which prayed to receive true hope in Jesus!

846

"**Fear Not**" Blankets made and provided for warmth, comfort, and spiritual strength

1,973

Knit Hats made and provided to men, women, and children, who experienced hair loss, due to treatment for cancer

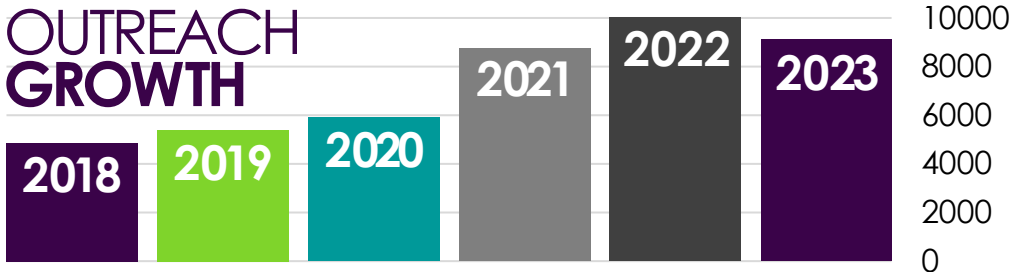
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Times spouses or loved ones received **Grief-Support Materials** for emotional strength and healing, after the loss of someone dear to them.

3,147

Other Ministry Touches provided for ongoing support to individuals and families throughout their cancer journeys. These included **Notes of Encouragement, Meals, Transportation, Yard Work, Flowers, Seat-Belt Cushions, Mastectomy Pillows, Chemo Care Packs, etc.**

OUTREACH GROWTH



2,158 Cancer Care Bags or Packages Delivered in 2023

574 Individuals and Patients in Oncology Offices received a Cancer Care Bag for support, through hand-distribution. 1,584 People across the country received a Cancer Care Package by mail.

WHAT IS A CANCER CARE BAG?

Cancer Care Bag:

- Practical Support for 1 Local Person
- New Testament
- *Living with Cancer*
- Soft, Knit Hat
- Chemo. Care Pack
- Info about Courage Through Cancer Ministries
- Ministry Cost: \$10

Cancer Care Package:

- Mailed Directly
- Cancer Care Bag Contents
- "Fear Not" Blanket
- Ministry Cost: \$30



GOLD

- Mark & Sheri Adkins*
- Brooks, LeBoeuf, Foster, & Gwartney, P.A.*
- Kenneth Burns
- Cross Assurance Group
- Faith Radio Network*
- Gary & Sharon Linton*
- Jay & Barbara Linton*
- Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare*
- The Ken Young Company
- Wave 94*

SILVER

- Don & Leslie Bragg
- Johnathon & Julie Cotton*
- Rebecca Dugan
- Luke & Melinda Granlund
- Dr. Jim & Mrs. Amy Gwartney
- Bobby & Edna Matthews
- Lamar Norman

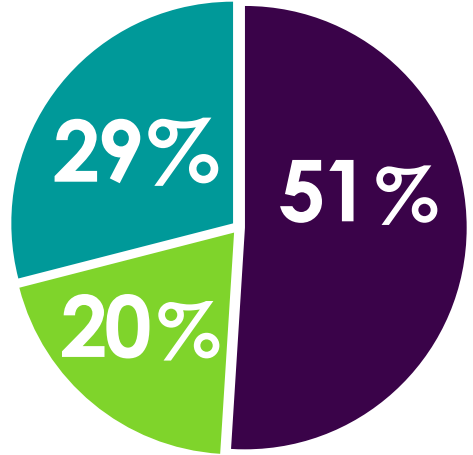
BRONZE

- Jimmy & Mary Bauldree
- Jeff & Diane Cushing
- Scott & Brenda Davis
- Destin & Jenny DuBose
- Garry & Emily Foraker
- Jeffrey & Lynn Furr
- Bonita Hernandez*
- Joni Jacobsen
- Jim & LaVerne Johnson*
- Geoffrey Monge
- William & Inez Peterson*
- Mike & Jo Ann Strickland
- Lea Ellen Thornton
- Curtis White

Underwriters supported our Spring and/or Fall fundraisers for 2023.

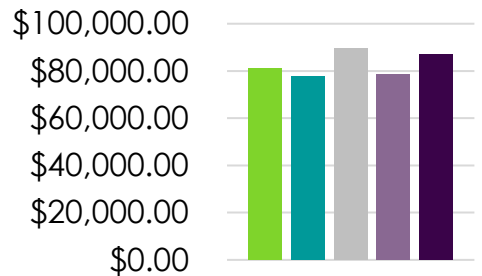
*Denotes Ministry Underwriters through both the Spring and Fall Fundraisers.

2023 INCOME SOURCES



- Direct Public Support (51%): Individuals, Businesses & Churches
- Spring Fundraiser (29%)
- Courage Through Cancer Walk (20%)

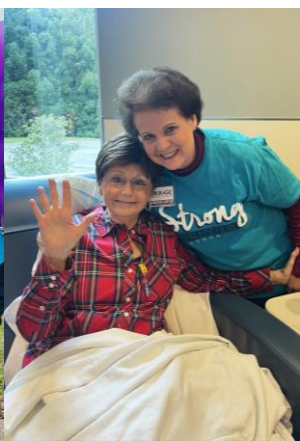
INCOME GROWTH



- 2019 Income (\$80,908.09)
- 2020 Income (\$77,938.08)
- 2021 Income (\$89,387.75)
- 2022 Income (\$78,504.06)
- 2023 Income (\$86,999.82)

WAYS YOU CAN PARTNER WITH US

- ✓ **PRAY** for the ongoing work of Courage Through Cancer Ministries and those we serve.
- ✓ **DONATE** at CourageThroughCancer.com or by mail at PO Box 4067, Tallahassee, FL 32315. You can also become a monthly donor and help sustain the ongoing work of the ministry throughout the year.
- ✓ **SHARE** Courage Through Cancer with others and invite them to partner with us too.
- ✓ **VOLUNTEER** at CourageThroughCancer.com and join our wonderful team of ministry partners.
 - Volunteer in our home office in Tallahassee, FL
 - Help make our “Fear Not” blankets (sewing and embroidery)
 - Make knit hats for chemotherapy patients
 - Join the Prayer Ministry Team
 - Assist with special projects: Mailings, Spring and Fall Fundraisers, Courage Through Cancer Walk, etc.
 - Write notes of encouragement to cancer patients and their families
 - Serve on the phone ministry team and offer hope, encouragement, and ministry support to people we serve.



Questions?

Call 850-590-3219 or send us an email at barbara@couragethroughcancer.com

Who We Are:

Courage Through Cancer Ministries is a non-profit, 501c3, Christian, cancer-support ministry.

Our Mission:

To shine God's light into the darkness—the world of cancer

Ministry Location:

2840 Remington Green Cir., Ste C
Tallahassee, FL 32308

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