2023 Report of Activity

Our mission is to provide financial support to patients and their families affected by cancer. We understand the impact a cancer diagnosis has on every aspect of a family’s life; it changes everything. It impacts the family emotionally, physically and financially. Our goal is to help alleviate some of the financial burden by providing relief where needed. If assistance in paying mortgage for a month, covering a deductible for a treatment or prescription, paying for daycare, utility bills, rent or any other financial burden helps provide some relief to each recipient we assist, then we are successful in our mission. We believe that no patient should ever have to decide between their next lifesaving treatment and paying routine bills such as rent, mortgage, utility bills, etc.

2023 was a very busy year for us as we expanded our reach to multiple facilities in the area. This has allowed us to reach cancer patients who need assistance with financial burdens due to the cost of treating cancer. It is not only the cost of actual treatment, but the loss of the ability to work that affects many patients that we are asked to assist. Going through chemo, radiation, and even surgery creates situations where work is not feasible. Our ability to quickly step in and help when the requests are made allows us to be, according to patients we have helped, “a life-saving effort that reduces the stress.” We have been blessed this year with donations from individual donors, raffle proceeds from our Eagles Trip to Tampa, our Designer Bag Bingo, great support of our golf outing and donations through OneHope Wine for purchases made by individuals. Through these events we were able to make a significant impact on our community through the following patient support and scholarships awarded.

**Fund Raising Activity**

* 11th Annual Golf Outing – Held on June 26th at Talamore Country Club. This is our biggest fund raising event each year and in 2023 it provided just under $15,000 in funds to use towards our mission.
* Saving Lives Foundation raised approximately $3,000 through the Eagles Tampa Trip Raffle through the assistancce of PhillySports Trips. This was a huge bonus for Saving Lives Foundation in 2023.
* We received numerous donations in memory of loved ones throughout the year as well as personal donations. This is a great source of revenue for us and we appreciate the thought of our foundation in your annual giving.
* We received multiple gifts in memory of Thoms W. Ludlow to be used in helping to fund assistance to patients.
* Designer Bag Bingo was held on October 27th and was a great success raising close to $3,500

**Assistance Activity**

In 2023 we added new providers to our support portfolio. In addition to Abington Rosenfeld Cancer Center at Abington Hospital, Doylestown Hospital/Penn Radiation at Doylestown, Grand View Cancer Center, Holy Redeemer’s Redeemer Health in partnership with MD Anderson Cancer Center @ Cooper, Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson, and Cancer Alliance, we provided assistance to patients referred from Jefferson Torresdale, and Jefferson Northeast. The breakdown of assistance to each is as follows:

We provided assistance to 11 patients referred to us from Abington Rosenfeld Cancer Center. The situations that we assisted with are as follows:

* Barbara C. – Diagnosed with Endometrial Cancer in June 2022. She has had to spend a great deal of time in the hospital and short term rehab which kept her from being able to work. Because of this she fell behind in rent payments and was given 21 days to resolve or face eviction. Saving Lives Foundation provided funding to cover her outstanding rent.
* Tina C. – Diagnosed with Breast Cancer Stage IIIB in January of 2022. She lives with her spouse and 2 children. She has had to be out of work for almost a full year and is dependent only on her husband’s salary. They are living off of their savings and family help and have requested assistance with rent payment. Saving Lives Foundation paid the current month rent to assist with their situation.
* Jessica M. – Diagnosed with Gestational Trophoblastic Neoplasia Stage III: Chloriocarcinoma in January of 2021 and has had a recent recurrence. She has gone through chemotherapy and had subsequent neutropenia induced from the treatments. She has had to quit her full time job and recently had to undergo an emergency hysterectomy surgery. She has fallen behind in her rent. Saving Lives Foundation provided a portion of the outstanding rent to avoid eviction.
* Ye S. – Diagnosed with Hepatocellular Cancer in September of 2022. He has been unable to work as a result of his diagnosis. His wife has had to reduce her hours to be able to assist him. He has applied for disability but is still awaiting approval. Saving Lives Foundation was able to pay some of his basic bills to provide some relief.
* Ronnie D – Diagnosed with Colon Cancer in March of 2022. As a truck driver, he has been unable to work since he began treatments. He has fallen behind on basic bills. Saving Lives Foundation was able to pay some of his basic bills to provide some relief.
* Uy T. – Diagnosed with Stage III Colon Cancer in March of 2023. He had complications from surgery that resulted in sepsis requiring a longer stay in the hospital. His bills have been piling up and needs assistance with his outstanding bill for Jefferson Health. Saving Lives Foundation paid the outstanding balance.
* Gracieuse P. – Diagnosed with Lymphoma in April of 2022. She lost her job in October of 2022 and unemployment has run out. She fell behind on her rent while undergoing radiation treatments. While she has applied for other jobs she has not been able to get hired. Saving Lives Foundation was able to pay her current rent payment to provide relief.
* Rebecca M. – Diagnosed with Neuroendocrine Cancer in March of 2023. She and her husband have been turned down for financial assistance due to the modest IRA account they have saved. They are struggling to pay all of the medical bills and keep up with basic bills and rent. Saving Lives Foundation paid one month of rent to assist.
* Nicole M. – Diagnosed with Breast Cancer Stage IB in June of 2023. She started a new job as a pre-school teacher shortly before being diagnosed. She has had to resign from her job to pursue her treatments. Her savings has been depleted and has requested assistance with rent before legal action is taken. Saving Lives Foundation was able to pay her rent payment to assist.
* Allen S. – Diagnosed with Brain Cancer in September of 2023. Prior to his diagnosis he cared for his wife who has Lupus. They survived off of his salary and her disability payments. With his diagnosis he is concerned for his wife and is afraid of losing everything. Saving Lives Foundation assisted by paying a month of mortgage to allow some relief.
* Cherylynn R – Diagnosed with Stage IV Colon Cancer in November of 2022. She recently lost her job and has applied for disability. Due to a processing issue with Social Security her payments were temporarily paused putting her behind on her rent. Saving Lives Foundation paid 1 month of rent to allow her some breathing room.

We provided assistance to 3 patients referred to us from Doylestown Hospital/Penn Radiation at Doylestown. The situations we assisted with are as follows:

* Cynthia P. – Diagnosed with Stage IV Maxillary Sinus Cancer in October of 2022. After having a major surgical procedure, she was out of commission for 3 months and is now undergoing radiation and chemotherapy treatments. This has turned her life completely upside down. She is concerned that her home will end up in foreclosure. Saving Lives Foundation was able to pay one month of her mortgage to provide relief.
* Mark A. – Diagnosed with Prostate Cancer in December of 2021 and has had a recent recurrence. He has 37 radiation treatments scheduled and is undegoing Physical Therapy. His medical bills are overwhelming and he has fallen behind on basic bills. Saving Lives Foundation paid their electric bill, car payment and water/sewer bills so he could have some relief.
* Richard W. – Diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia in April of 2023. He is concerned that with the lengthy treatment term and his diagnosis he will be unable to work for 6-8 months minimally. His concern is getting behind on his basic bills. Saving Lives Foundation paid his insurance, electric and 2 months of his Verizon bill to provide relief.

We provided assistance to 6 patients referred to us from Holy Redeemer’s Redeemer Health in partnership with MD Anderson Cancer Center @ Cooper. The situations we assisted with are as follows:

* Kim R. – Diagnosed with Breast Cancer in February of 2022. Her treatment schedule makes it hard to work. Her main focus is her 5 children (ages 6-21). She has some financial support from family but has fallen behind on her bills. Saving Lives Foundation paid her water/sewer outstanding balance to provide some relief.
* Fannie P. – Diagnosed with Metastatic Breast Cancer in May of 2019 and a recurrence in January of 2023 of bone metastasis. She is on a fixed income and has had significant out of pocket expenses related to her treatments. Saving Lives Foundation paid the outstanding balance due on the PECO bill.
* Muslim I. – Diagnosed with Colon Cancer in February of 2023. He supports his 3 children (ages 4-8) and wife. Due to his diagnosis he is unable to work and is not eligible for disability through his employer. He has had some assistance from family and friends but is getting behind in his bills. Saving Lives Foundation paid 1 month of rent and his water bill to give him some cushion.
* Jasmine W. – Diagnosed with Breat Cancer in January of 2022. She has had a difficult journey to this point. After losing her mother to Breast Cancer, she was diagnosed with the same. She had to separate from her significant other to keep her children safe and receives no support from him. She found a safe place to move but needs the security deposit to secure. Saving Lives Foundation provided the security deposit to allow her to relocate.
* Linda F. – Diagnosed with Breast Cancer in April 2023. She had planned to work until she was at full retirment age but lost her job right before her diagnosis. She is currently receiving unemployment but is finding it hard to make ends meet. Saving Lives Foundation was able to pay her mortgage for 1 month to provide relief.
* Muslim I. – This is a second request for Muslim who is still in treatment. Diagnosed with Colon Cancer in February of 2023. He supports his 3 children (ages 4-8) and wife. Due to his diagnosis he is unable to work and is not eligible for disability through his employer. He has had some assistance from family and friends but is getting behind in his bills. Saving Lives Foundation paid 1 month of rent to give him some cushion.

We provided assistance to 12 patients referred to us from Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson, Jefferson Torresdale, and Jefferson Northeast. The situations we assisted with are as follows:

* Charmaine K – Diagnosed with Breast Cancer in November of 2021. She is a single mother of an 8 year old daughter and was able to cover her bills prior to her diagnosis. Her treatments have prevented her from returning to work. She recently had bilateral mastectomy and is still continuing with chemotherapy treatments. Saving Lives Foundation paid for her Verizon bill and her car payment to provide some relief.
* Roberta D. – Diagnosed with LGL Leukemia/Mature NK T-Cell Lymphoma in January of 2017. She is undergoing autologous stem cell transplant and has been unable to work since the summer of 2022. She will not be able to return to work for at least 12 months after the transplant. Saving Lives Foundation paid one month of rent to allow her some relief.
* Ana C/T. – Diagnosed with Leukemia in June 2022. She was working as a nail technician before becoming ill. She has been out of work since June, 2022. She has fallen behind on her rent and other bills. Saving Lives Foundation paid 2 months of her rent to provide relief.
* Dana A. – Diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma in November of 2021 and has had a recent recurrence. She is out of work wihout pay and has been denied disability. Her disease is progressing and will be undergoing a stem cell transplant. She has no income and has fallen behind on her bills. Saving Lives Foundation paid her current month’s rent to provide some relief.
* Anne B. – Diagnosed with Stage IV Ovarian Cancer in September of 2020. She is receiving Social Security but is having a hard time affording her bills with the added medical bills. She has fallen behind on her gas bill. Saving Lives Foundation paid 2 months of her estimated gas bill.
* Chelsea G. – Diagnosed with Metastatic Ovarian Cancer in March of 2023. She is a 34 year old single mother of 2 girls ages 13 and 7. She is currently unable to work due to the treatment schedule and side effects. She has fallen behind in her basic bills. Saving Lives Foundation was able to pay her wtaer bill and insurance to provide relief.
* Janaya L. – Diagnosed with Cervical Cancer in August of 2021 and has had a recent recurrence. She has had persistent dental issues that resulted from her cancer treatments and these issues have created a large out of pocket expense that was not anicipated. Her current treatment with the recurrence has also burdened her with more bills. Saving Lives Foundation was able to pay her PECO and Verizon bill to help her get through.
* Tyron P. – Diagnosed with Metastatic Colorectal Cancer in December 2022. His recent tests show the disease in his liver, lung and brain. He has been unable to work since his diagnosis. His long term girlfriend has been his caretaker and has not been able to work due to his level of care needed. Saving Lives Foundation paid 3 months of his water bill to provide some relief.
* Danielle B. – Diagnosed with Breast Cancer in January 2023. She underwent a partial mastectomy and is receiving radiation and chemotherpay treatments She has been unable to work and is struggling financially. Saving Lives Foundation was able to pay her Comcast bill to provide some relief.
* Teresa J/H. – Diagnosed with Cervical Cancer in Spetember of 2020 and has had a recent recurrence. She has 3 young children and her husband is the sole support for the family when he can find work. They have fallen behind on their rent. Saving Lives Foundation was able to pay 1 month of rent to provide relief.
* Ray C. – Diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma in March of 2023. He will be undergoing autologous stem cell transplant procedure in September 2023. He has completed FMLA and has no income. He will go on disability through his transplant which will provide him with 50% of his prior pay. He has fallen behind and asks for assistnace with his rent. Saving Lives Foundation was able to provide assistance towards his rent.
* Gracieuse P. – Diagnosed with Mycosis Fungoides in August of 2018. Prior to her diagnosis she was working at Labcorp but with her condition and her compromised immune system she has had difficulty finding a job. Saving Lives Foundation was able to assist her for the second time by paying 1 month of rent.

We provided assistance to 1 patient referred to us from Grand View Cancer Center. The situation we assisted with are as follows:

* Patricia M. – Diagnosed with Breast Cancer in May of 2022. She lost her job and her medical insurance shortly after her diagnosis. She had many side effects from the chemotherapy and is still undergoing radiation therapy treatments. She does receive disability and social security but it does not cover all of her bills. Saving Lives Foundation paid her outstanding utility bill, insurance and Comcast to help provide some relief.

In 2023 we provided 1 scholarship ($1,000/year for 4 years) to a senior at Hatboro-Horsham High School whose immediate family has been impacted by cancer. Including this year’s awards, Saving Lives Foundation has committed $80,000 in scholarships to Hatboro Horsham High School students over the past 7 years. The story of the recipients of the scholarship for 2023 is as follows:

* Amy Y. – Amy’s mother was diagnosed with cancer while the family was visiting relatives in Korea. Her family decided that she should be treated in Korea and Amy and her father returned home to the US to continue her schooling and for her Dad to continue his work as Pastor of the church. Amy was able to find an outlet in music and honed her craft on the cello, receiving the honor of being selected to the All-National Orchestra. This experience has moved Amy to consider medical school as an option down the road. Her hope is to one day become a cancer anesthesiologist, and she will be attending Vanderbilt University for for her bachelor’s degree.

None of this is possible without the help of all of our volunteers, sponsors, supporters, fundraiser attendees, and donors. We will continue to provide help wherever we can with whatever funds we have available.

Thank You for your help and support