



# FRIEND FOR LIFE

# CANCER SUPPORT NETWORK NEWS

*“Cancer is an isolating disease. It’s good to have people who know what you are experiencing first-hand...that’s what I love about the mission of Friend for Life. It’s so simple, but so powerful in the difference it makes.”*

~ Kristen

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Friend for Life Cancer Support Network is winding up yet another remarkable year of serving persons facing any form of cancer by pairing them with a trained survivor of a similar experience. The pandemic hasn’t slowed us down. Friend for Life has continued to connect support seekers with our Peer Navigators since day one of the shutdown.

As you can imagine, the isolation from sheltering at home adds significantly to the anxiety levels of those facing cancer. Our Peer Navigators have continued to bring comfort and compassion over the phones lines, through email, text, Skype and Zoom. We even recruited and trained (online) over a dozen new Peer Navigators. Friend for Life now serves around 1,600 persons across the globe each year.

One area that has been affected has been fundraising. This year, our annual gala, An Evening with Friends, is going virtual. We're asking for your support of this first-ever event, *Quarantining with Friends*, to be held Saturday, August 22.

**As the only resource for matched peer support for all types of cancer in our region**, Friend for Life is a vital resource for those confronting cancer - patients, loved ones, and treatment teams. You can play a role in keeping our virtual doors open through volunteering, donating, spreading the word about FFL, and attending our virtual event.

**Thank you** for your support in all its forms,  
*Judy Kasey Houlette, Executive Director*

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## Our Mission:

**To help persons diagnosed with cancer and their loved ones navigate the path through diagnosis, treatment and recovery by pairing them with a trained survivor of a similar experience so they can face cancer with someone who’s been there.**

[friend4life.org](http://friend4life.org)

# Highlights from the Past Year

(all photos taken pre-COVID-19)



Left to Right: Newly trained Peer Navigators, Spring 2019; Electronics recycling event held by Simtechs to support Friend for Life last summer; Friend for Life office volunteers, staff and Bellarmine University student Sebastian Kontic enjoy lunch at Anoosh Bistro; Friend for Life Peer Navigators share the lived experience of cancer with students at Galen College of Nursing, University of Louisville's Kent School of Social Work, and U of L's School of Medicine

# 2019 Award Recipients

Presented at An Evening with Friends, August 24, 2019



The Friend for Life Bramlette Award : Tri-Arrows Aluminum



Above: The Friend for Life Sandmann Award:  
Barbara L. Nicholas, SL



The Friend for Life Bobbi Marris Daniels Award:  
Tim and Anabel Michaels



The Friend for Life Joan Steiner Award (New last year):  
Bart Bushong

*I have to thank you once again for introducing me to Mollie. She is an absolute angel, smart, funny, supportive, loving, kind -she is like a sister to me! We have a beautiful bond.* ~ Support Seeker

## Thank You to our Major Funders



**In Grateful Remembrance** We treasure fond memories of these beloved volunteers who passed away since publication of our last newsletter, and a few we neglected to acknowledge previously



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**Hilton Vance**



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**Michael Owen**



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**Lydia Bond**



**Bob Pilkington**



**Cher Vercelli**



**Talbott Allen**



**Sonny Steinberg**

*"It was the best thing...to believe my friend's motto: 'I didn't ask to be in this room, but since I'm here, I might as well dance.'"*

~ Vera, former support seeker, now a Peer Navigator



**Missy Jolliff**



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**FFL Founding Director Joan Steiner and husband Marty Steiner**

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