



Friend for Life Cancer Support Network  
Annual Report  
FY May 1, 2022—April 30, 2023



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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. Friend for Life volunteers are cancer survivors and caregivers who are trained by healthcare professionals to prepare them to support others as they confront the emotional, psychological, and practical uncertainties posed by a cancer diagnosis. We refer to our volunteers as Peer Navigators. Callers are matched with Peer Navigators by diagnosis and course of treatment and, to the extent possible, by age and gender. No other organization in the area offers this form of one-on-one support for all types of cancer. At the end of 2022, Friend for Life Peer Navigators numbered 415. They range in age at diagnosis from 6 to 84 and represent survival of a wide range of cancer types.

#### PROGRAM SUCCESS

During 2022, Friend for Life Cancer Support Network:

- \* responded to 1,353 requests for support and matched 646 individuals
- \* Peer Navigators donated over 5,500 hours
- \* Peer Navigators spoke with over 150 students and their faculty mentors at the University of Louisville School of Medicine, and for the first time, students of Osteopathic Medicine in Pikeville, Kentucky. Peer Navigators have shared the cancer patient perspective with over 7,000 future healthcare practitioners since 2007.
- \* partnered with other one-on-one cancer support organizations across the country in order to provide peer support for persons diagnosed with rare forms of cancer or recently developed treatments

#### PROGRAM GOALS

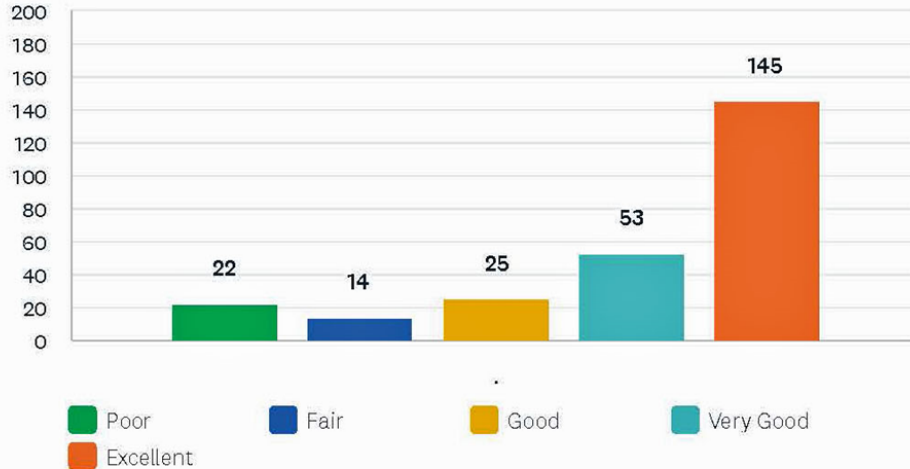
Friend for Life seeks to...

- \* continue to provide cost-free peer support to persons diagnosed with cancer and to their loved ones
- \* continue to provide quality training and ongoing support and education to volunteers
- \* enhance outreach to minority and underserved populations, with special focus on Kentucky
- \* expand and improve infrastructure to keep up with advances in cancer knowledge and treatment, and increased numbers of survivors

***Friend for Life (FFL) is a not-for-profit, 501(c) 3 organization. Federal Tax ID: 61-1139410***

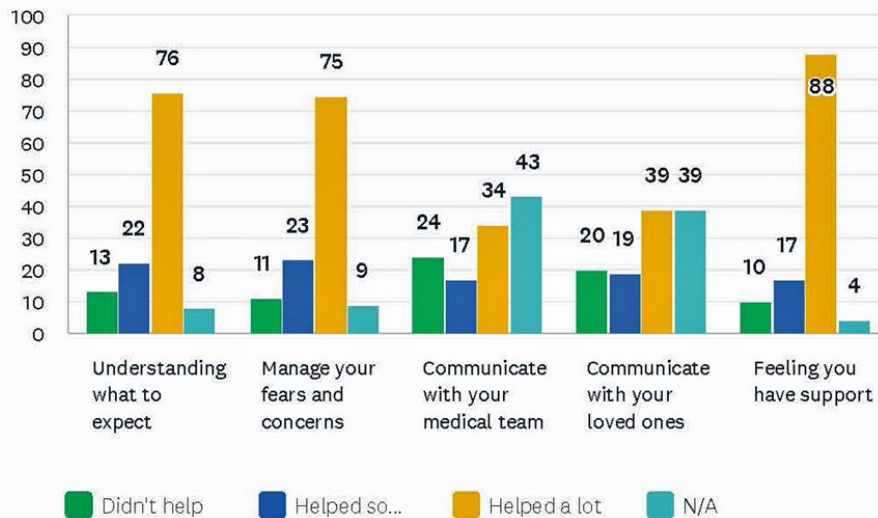
## Q1 How satisfied are you with the support you received from Friend for Life?

Answered: 259 Skipped: 0

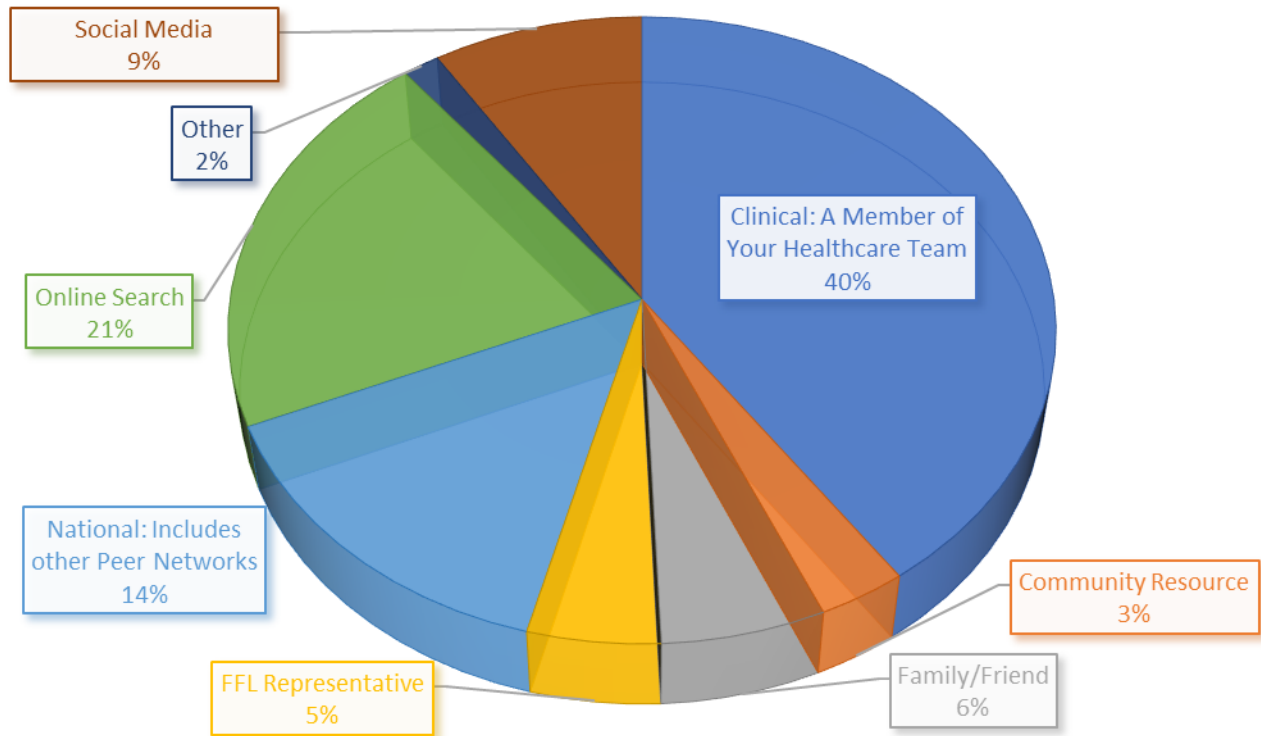


## Q2 How has the support from your Friend for Life friend affected the following:

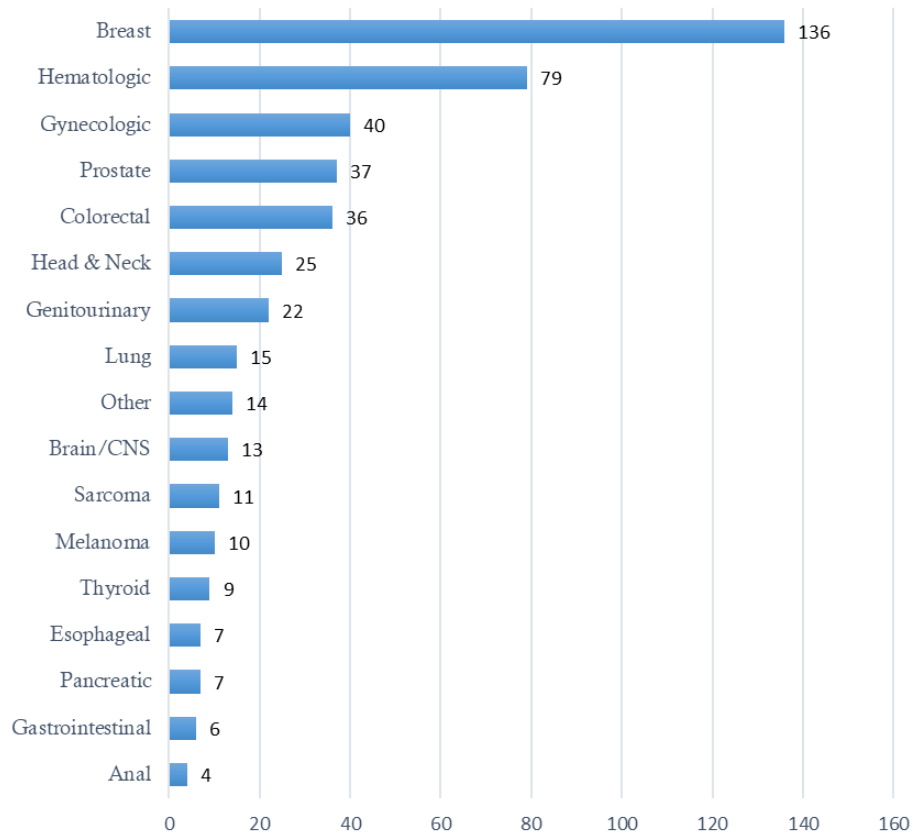
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## HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT FRIEND FOR LIFE? 2021-2022



## Current FFL Peer Navigators by Cancer Type 2021



## Financial Report

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### Income

Direct Public Grants	13,200
Corporate Support	23,550
Direct Public Support	75,367
Investments	3,440
Total Income	115,557

### Expenses

Business Expenses	3,982
Operations	9,981
Fundraising Expenses	13,820
Other Types of Expenses	2,570
Payroll Expenses	84,690
Total Expense	115,043

Net Ordinary Income 514

\*Includes cost of 2023 fundraising software (\$2,295)

A copy of our Form 990 is available by request or on [Guidestar](#)

## Grants Received FY 2022-2023

Abbvie Pharmaceuticals  
Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels  
St. Edward Parish  
WalMart Stores: 8276, 5183

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\*\$500 and above

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