



Friend for Life Cancer Support Network

Annual Report

FY May 1, 2023—April 30, 2024



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OUR MISSION

To help people 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 2023, Friend for Life Peer Navigators numbered 408. They range in age at diagnosis from 6 to 84 and represent survival of a wide range of cancer types.

PROGRAM SUCCESS

During 2023, Friend for Life Cancer Support Network:

- responded to 1,233 requests for support and matched 562 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 second 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

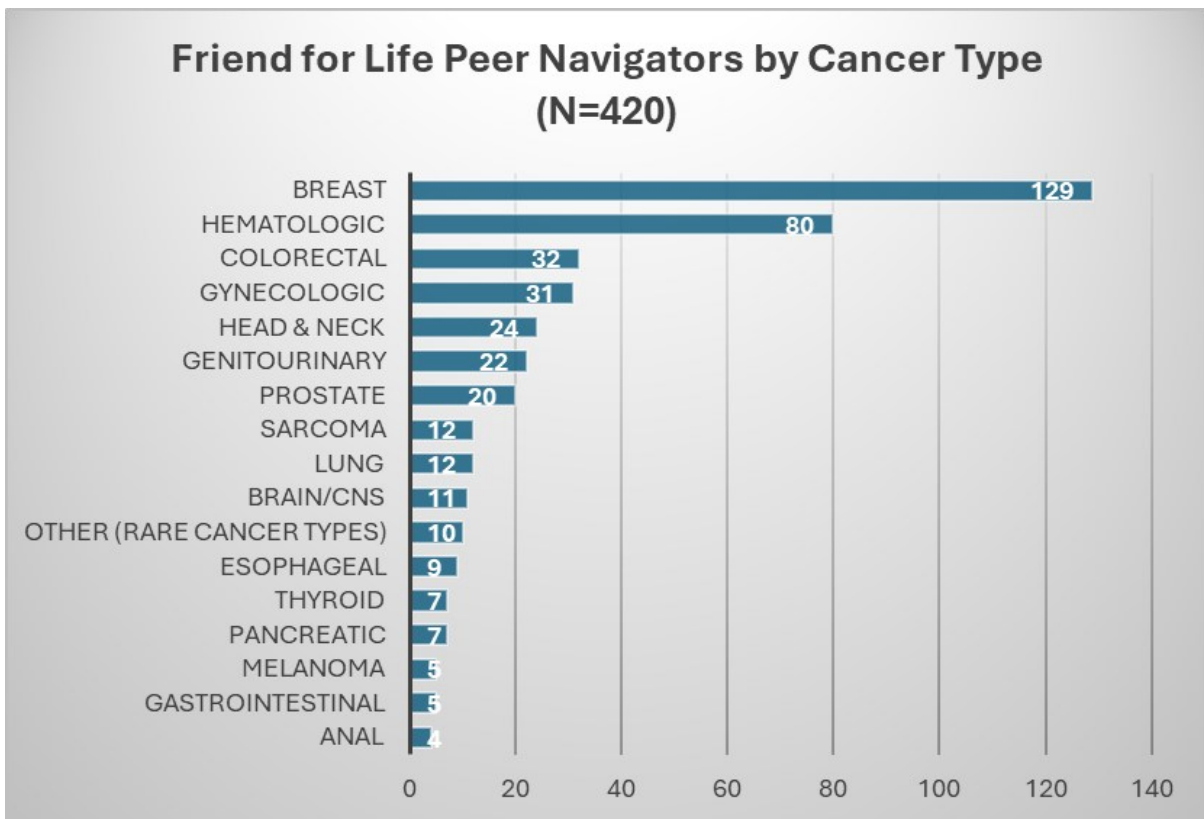
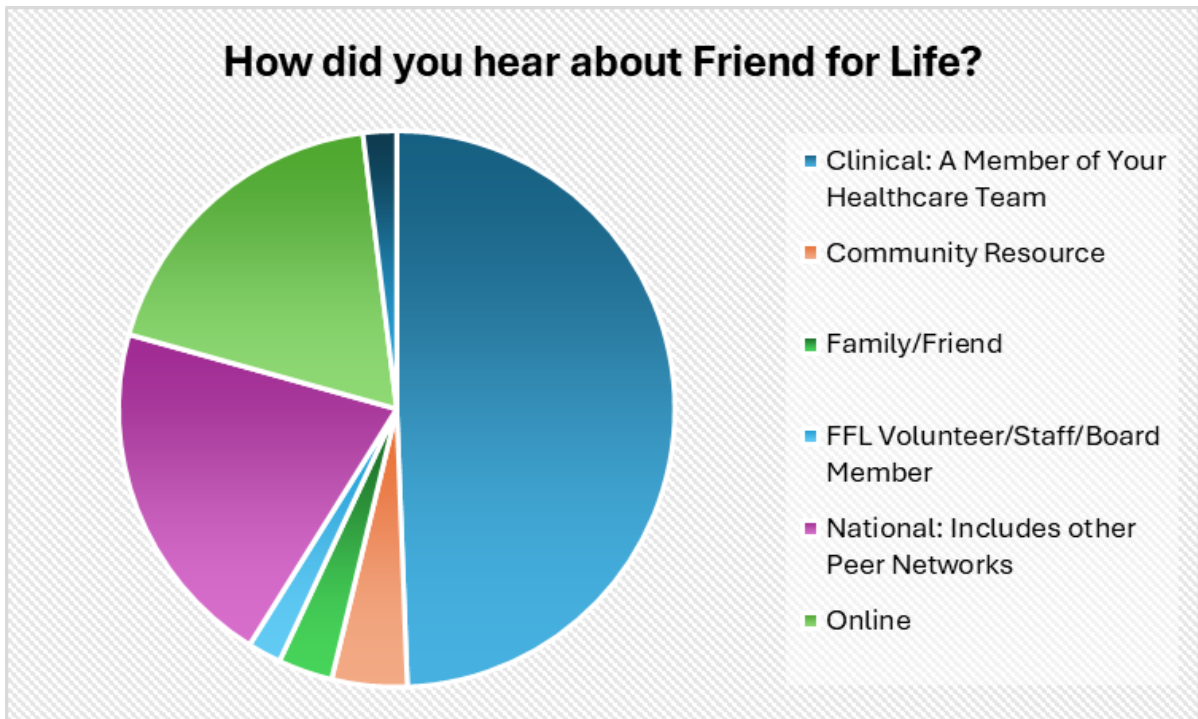
PROGRAM GOALS

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

Referral Sources 2023-2024



Financial Report

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Income

Direct Public Grants	33,000
Direct Public Support	109,980
Total Income	142,980

Expenses

Operations	26,518
Payroll Expenses	93,985
Total Expense	120,503

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

Grants Received FY 2023-2024

Gilead Oncology
Pfizer Oncology
St. Edward Parish
WalMart Stores: 1025 & 5787

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