The Cocktails & Caregivers Foundation

Annual Report 2022



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OUR NEXT CHAPTER

COCKTAILS & CAREGIVERS

SUPPORT WITHOUT THE STIGMA

The past two years brought big change both inside and outside of our little foundation (Our founder got married! Congrats Amanda & Chris!). A pandemic forced us to grow in ways we didn't know were possible and as we virtually connected with more caregivers, it influenced us to change our name to reach those caring for loved ones outside of the cancer community. We kicked off 2022 formally stepping into our new brand as Cocktails & Caregivers at the Blue Tie Gala and haven't looked back since.

We all know change can be hard---especially when the original story of this foundation is so rooted in the love story of our founders, Amanda & Joe. The beautiful part about life though is; next chapters exist. We can still hold the original story, the place where this all began and make it fit, even enhance the new tale of C&C, too. Cocktails & Chemo was our chapter one. Cocktails & Caregivers; our chapter two. How will we know how the story ends if we don't turn the page? In this next chapter we get to serve even more people because the foundation's story is really about more than cancer. In this chapter, we will use Joe's legacy to fuel the support for every caregiver.

Cheers,

Alex Umbach, Vice President

2022 BLUE TIE GALA



On March 12th, 2022 Blue Tie Gala returned with more love, more laughter, & more hugs. We hosted 50+ caregivers as our guests of honor and treated them to a morning of hair & makeup and an evening of dancing, connection and doing a whole lot of good!





blue tie gala
march 12, 2022



Together with the 475 attendees at the BTG we raised $101,082!







2022 EVENTS



Bada$$ Caregiver Blowout Party

August 2022 / Carmel, Indiana

Our blowout party was an evening of pure magic, pampering, and loving on more than 25 caregivers for a deserving night all about them. Thank you to Kiss Kiss Bang Bang salon for giving your talents & time.











Caregiver Luncheon

September 2022 / Oakbrook, Illinois



Let's Gather! Gather we did, treating 39 caregivers to special day to fill their cups, make connections, come together and share a meal with other incredible caregivers who get it.











Angel Family Giving



Holidays 2022 / $2,747.57

The 2022 Holiday Season brought us 4 Angel Families, including one of our own- The Birren Family, to bless through Amazon Wish Lists. Thank you to our C&C community for making the holidays special for these families.

CARE PACKAGES

Knowing how to help when someone gets sick is tricky. Through the online caregiver nomination program, our team goes to work preparing gift cards, notes and packages for every single eligible nominee to remind caregivers they are not alone.



126 Total Care Cards & Packages Sent in 2022!

Arizona
Colorado
Connecticut
Delaware
Florida
Georgia
Illinois
Indiana
Iowa
Kansas
Kentucky
Louisiana
Maryland
Massachusetts



Michigan
Minnesota
Missouri
New Hampshire
New York
North Carolina
Ohio
Oregon
Pennsylvania
Texas
Utah
Virginia
Washington
West Virginia
Wisconsin

GIVING CAMPAIGNS

Total 2022 Online Donations / 125 Donors / $12,125.20

House of 423 Fundraiser / Batavia, Illinois / $600

OneHope with Business Furniture / Indianapolis, Indiana / $641.41

Almeroth Family Fundraiser / Aurora, Illinois / $2,000

SWAG SALES



With the success at our BTG, our swag sales for 2022 were $3,055!

THE MARTINI CLUB

Since its inception in 2021 our monthly recurring donation program, The Martini Club has helped lighten the load for caregivers across the country. Donors can sign up to give as little as $10 a month, but the ongoing support is priceless! This exclusive "club" comes with special perks for its VIP's and most importantly provides funding to support caregivers year round. Meet two of our VIP's below...




The Mennel Family in 2022

We Give Because We've Been There

"It was around 2010. We were in our house in Broad Ripple and had just heard about a 16-year-old diagnosed with cancer. Chris said, “Oh my gosh, can you imagine being 16 and having cancer.”

And Julie responded, “Yes, that was you.”

According to Chris, “That’s one of the first times I remember it hitting him that I had cancer. Sure, I knew that I had cancer. I was diagnosed in 2003 and had been seeing a dermatologist for various treatments since 1997. But we didn’t call it cancer. And so, I didn’t think about it in those terms.”

In 2022 The Martini Club raised $14,500 with 44 VIP Members!

Just Do Something

My husband Nate and I first heard about Cocktails & Caregivers (Cocktails & Chemo at that time) from our good friend who is part of the board of directors at C&C and thought, “oh, that’s awesome.” At the time, we couldn’t understand how vital or “awesome” this organization was.

In June of 2021, we learned that my friend of 20+ years cancer had returned and spread to other organs. Stage 4 colorectal cancer.

Nate spent hours researching, “What do you do when your friend has cancer”. The answer, just do something.


The Breier Family in 2022

#OURTRIBE

In 2022, #OurTribe granted a total of $16,500.

#OurTribe is here to offset the costs of childcare and be the extra hands you need. Many hands make for a light load, #OurTribe is here for you!

JAN — Sarah Cadotte - Massachusetts

FEB — Sarah Amador - Indiana

MARCH — Katie La-Giglia Pridham - Illinois

APRIL — Special Recipient - Illinois

MAY — Ryan McLaughlin - Indiana

JUNE — Brandy Kelley - Indiana

JULY — Nicole Zabel - Illinois

SEPT — Laura Melling - Indiana

DEC — Damian McCrink - Georgia

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