



*Radiant  
Hope's*

**ANNUAL  
REPORT**

*2024*

# OUR MISSION

To support and encourage those whose lives have been impacted by cancer

## OUR FOCUS

*We specialize in both providing direct support and connecting individuals and families with the resources they need. Whether it's through our own initiatives or by identifying other organizations and services, we ensure that no one faces the challenges of cancer alone*

### H

**Hope** - Sending Hope. We curate and send care packages to survivors and caregivers each imbued with prayers and encouraging words. We send and donate water bottles to hospitals all over our region. Hope in the journey is essential.

### O

**Outreach**- Outreach for patients and families. Holiday hope- providing gifts and needs for families with a parent in active treatment, scholarships for kids who have a parent with cancer, family photography, respite vacations. Radiant Hope offers a special and unique opportunity for the community to support those experiencing cancer. We host packing parties all over for businesses, sports teams, and other groups to pack our boxes, support a family for holiday hope, and other initiatives.

### P

**Partnerships**- We establish and maintain partnerships and collaboration with hospitals, cancer treatment centers, oncology offices, and other organizations serving the cancer population. We work directly with social workers and patients to provide non-medical support to those in their cancer diagnosis. Collaborative efforts can enhance outreach efforts and reach a broader audience, and maximize resources.

### E

**Education and Empowerment** - We have support groups, peer support, and educational workshops. These help education for prevention, early detection, treatment options, and other supportive care services. This empowers individuals with knowledge and resources to motivate their cancer journey.





## LEADERSHIP TEAM

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** Joanna Dennstaedt

### LEADERSHIP TEAM

|                                    |                                       |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Jenn Wagner-Executive Assistant    | Paige Megargee-Director of Programs   |
| Sarah Miller-Event Coordinator     | Ally Dilworth-Marketing Coordinator   |
| Jen Metz-Holiday Hope Coordinator  | Meg Bernstein -Pack Party Coordinator |
| Lauren Grace-Hospital Partnerships | Megan Baker-Family Support            |
| Tammy Zeaser- Respite Care Support | Tahva Wylie-Variou Support            |
| Lisa Selan- Various Support        | Jen Wenger- Various Support           |
| Alicia Galino-Variou Support       |                                       |

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

|                                |                           |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| David "Kelly" Phipps-President | Paul Hayes-Vice President |
| Deb Pierson-Secretary          | Kyle Stuckey-Treasurer    |
| Nance McCown-Director          | Keith Plasterer-Director  |
| Sara White-Director            | Courtney Weaver-Director  |

# 2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

As we close the chapter on another year, I want to take a moment to express my deep gratitude and highlight the remarkable work being accomplished at Radiant Hope. This year has been a journey of both challenges and victories, and I am continually inspired by the dedication and compassion shown by everyone involved in our mission.

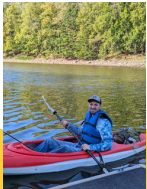
Looking back on the past year, we have greatly and deeply impacted the cancer community. Adding to our programs, starting our in person support group, and being able to love and support many more individuals is the growth and depth we are continuing to see. This year we established ourselves at our new office location. We hosted several events including our annual thank you Open House. Many friends, cancer survivors, and community members have been welcomed into this space. Volunteers for our Holiday Hope program were present many days this fall organizing and sorting gifts in our basement for 45 families experiencing cancer. This year we expanded our basement storage area to include shelving for our water bottles that are being packed and send to local hospitals. We have spent hundreds of hours meeting with patients and caregivers in our space and continuing to foster not only a place of support but a place of deep love and care while listening to the cancer community.

I am sincerely thankful to our leadership team, devoted volunteers, passionate board members, generous donors, and supportive community partners. Your generosity has been essential to our success. Together, we are creating a community that reaches beyond limits to love and support so many on what feels like impossible journeys.

As we look forward to the coming year, I have a continued vision to live out our mission loving those impacted by cancer. With your continued partnership, I am confident we will achieve more than we ever imagined. Cancer alters lives in profound ways, and at Radiant Hope, we are keenly aware of the challenges it brings. Our goal is to alleviate that burden, provide vital support, and connect individuals facing cancer with essential resources—ultimately offering them hope. I am grateful to lead this wonderful community, and I look forward to what we can accomplish together in the coming months. Many of us never expected to be in this position, but we are truly thankful for the opportunity to serve through this organization. God will continue to do far more than we could ever ask or imagine.

Thank you once again for your unwavering support.

*- Joanna Dennstaedt*  
Executive Director



# OUR PROGRAMS

## Impact over the years

### Radiant Hope Program and Services Impact

#### Water Bottles

This hospital partnership provides water bottles with gifts to those in appointments, surgery, or infusion centers.

#### Respite Care

This program provides a time away for individuals or families who are in the midst of a difficult cancer journey

#### Family Support

This program, whether scholarships, or planned celebrations provides families with support during their time facing cancer as well as 1 on 1 mentoring.

#### Resource Center

The Radiant Hope Cancer Community Center is a place where the local cancer community can find resources, attend our support group and more.

#### The Package

This package plants a seed of hope to anyone facing cancer. This is our connection piece.

#### Holiday Hope

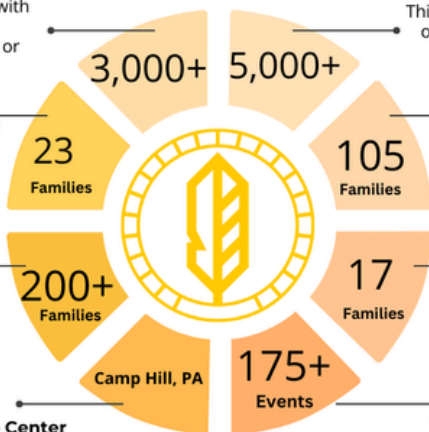
This program provides gifts and needs over the holidays to a family with a parent in active treatment.

#### Family Photography

This program captures a moment for families in the midst of their difficult cancer journey

#### Pack Parties

This program allows for the community to host events to pack our boxes or water bottles that are then shipped or delivered.

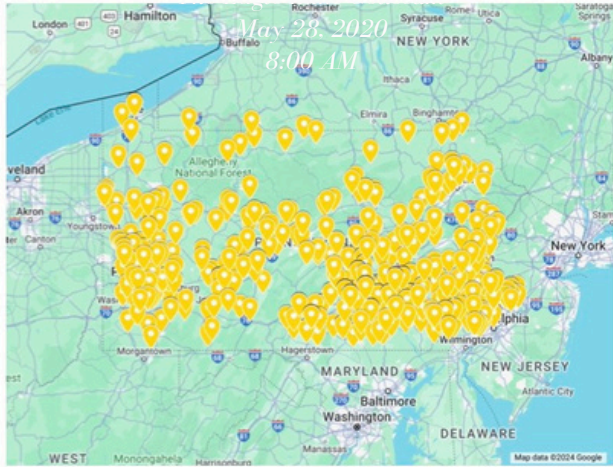


*"I can't stop crying the most beautiful gifts were dropped off today by the kindest people! Thank you so so much! It's more than I could ever imagine or ask for!" -  
Holiday Hope Recipient*

Boxes of Hope  
Water Bottles at local treatment centers  
Holiday Hope  
Scholarships  
Mentorship

Family Photography  
Respite Weekends  
Radiant Refuge Support Group  
Radiant Hope Community Center

# OUR NETWORK



*Map of boxes sent across the state since 2019.*

We have served over 7,000 individuals over 387 municipalities in the state of PA

Over 5,000 boxes of hope have been sent with over 400 being sent in 2024.

Over 2,000 water bottles have been handed out at treatment centers, with 700 being handed out in 2024.

In 2024 we added WellSpan to our hospital partners and our water bottles are being given out in 5 of their locations.

## 2024 IMPACT



37 community packing events



3 hospital partners across 10 locations spanning 7 counties.



45 families served in our Holiday Hope Program in 2024.



200+ community members have volunteered their time.



Over 20 families served in our family support programs.

# OUR FINANCIALS

Radiant Hope 2025 Budget: \$482,860

## Yearly Expenses



Development  
69,444.00

Admin/Facility  
62,000.00



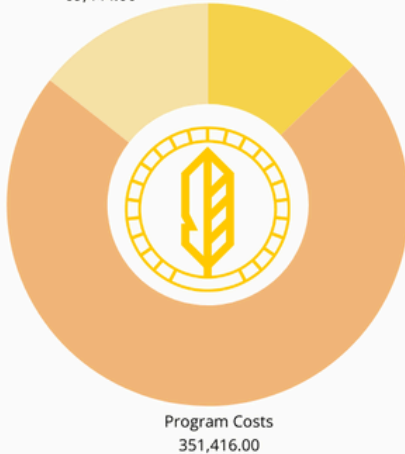
**Administration/  
Facility Costs**



**Program Costs**



**Development**



**GIVE HOPE  
HOPE HEROES**

## New to 2024!

One way we keep up with yearly expenses is through our monthly donors. Become a "Hope Hero" today when you sign up to give \$10 or more in a monthly donation. When you become a Hope Hero you will receive a special gift as well as a hero monthly newsletter and early access to tickets to our yearly event.



Sign up Here or visit  
[radianthope.com](http://radianthope.com)



1,200+ total donors have helped  
advance our mission.

# THANK YOU TO OUR 2024 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS



## Community Partners

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Wilkinson Family                | Robinson Family             | Silver Spring Preschool       |
| Stuckey Foundation              | Navy Spouse Fun Bunch       | Leslie Prantil Family         |
| Arcona Book Club                | The Grace Family            | Trinity High girls soccer     |
| The Wenger Family               | The Skerpon/Baldrige Family | CV boys soccer                |
| The Daly/Gies Family            | Stacey Hoy and Colleagues   | St. Theresa's Athletic Assoc. |
| St. Joe's Athletic Association  |                             | Restaino Family               |
| Penn State Women & Babies Staff |                             |                               |



# HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED



## **Pray**

Prayer is essential to fulfilling the mission of Radiant Hope.



## **Become a Donor**

Join our Hope Heroes monthly donor club or give a one time end of year gift. Radiant Hope relies on donors to keep our programs running and we are grateful for everyone who helps us reach the cancer community.



## **Leadership**

Consider joining a leadership role either as a board member or on the leadership team.



## **Volunteer**

There are many ways to be a part of our team. This helps us multiply our impact.

Email Jenn Wagner at [jennwagner@radianthope.com](mailto:jennwagner@radianthope.com) for more information on leadership and volunteering.



# STORIES OF HOPE FROM 2024

On March 20, 2023, I received the news that I had Stage II Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer. I started chemo in June 2023. I was scheduled for surgery to remove the tumor that October. In surgery we received unexpected news. My diagnosis was adjusted to Stage IV and we resumed chemo in November with a more aggressive treatment plan. During the following five months, I was feeling pretty sick and had moments I questioned if I was going to make it, not only physically but emotionally as well. Professionally, I'm a Life Coach and work with my clients all the time regarding mental health issues. By nature, I'm pretty perky and positive, and it was all I could do to keep myself mentally stable during that time. I found that, with cancer, attitude makes all the difference, and my ship was sinking slowly but surely. Sometime during my "oh-cancers-not-that-bad" Summer season, I had received a box in the mail from Radiant Hope. I felt like I had been kissed and hugged and embraced with HOPE. The box held all sorts of practical treasures but the thing that caught my eye was a devotional called "50 Days of Hope" by Lynn Eib. It was a lifeline! After receiving the box, I decided to visit Radiant Hope's main office to see who they were and what they were all about. I fell in love with the organization and didn't feel so lonely in my journey, as many of the girls had personal experiences with cancer.



In a world where many people didn't understand the impact that cancer has on a family, I felt like I had found my tribe. During my more aggressive 7 ½ hr. chemo treatments, I had friends and family come in and sit with me on infusion days to help keep my spirits up and pass the time quickly. I reached out to Joanna Denstaedt, the Executive Director of Radiant Hope, to come sit with me one afternoon. I was amazed at how willing and generous she was to make room in her schedule for me. While she was with me, she asked how Radiant Hope would be able to help me specifically. I said that I could use a support group, and she said she would make it happen! True to her word, Radiant Refuge was born. It has made a significant difference in my life, and it's one of the highlights of my month. These days, I no longer have chemotherapy, but I have a mixed infusion of monoclonal antibodies and immunotherapy. I've returned to my perky, bubbly self. I'm thankful that I no longer think about dying, but get to focus on living my best life ever. I'm so grateful that I'm well enough now to be a cheerleader and advocate for Radiant Hope. They truly are the tangible love of Jesus in action.

-Lee Yarlet

Lee is a member of the Radiant Hope community and brings such warmth and friendliness to our Radiant Refuge support group each month. We are thankful for Lee and admire her faith and resilience in her cancer journey.

# STORIES OF HOPE FROM 2024



My name is Sara and I believe in the mission of Radiant Hope. I am a family medicine P.A. and therefore a helper by nature. Radiant Hope is right here in our little town of Dillsburg and when I heard about it, I knew I wanted to be a part of it! 1 Peter 4:10 says "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."

In 2021, our family bought a place in the Poconos on the Wallenpaupack Creek. Because we lead a busy life with 3 kids, we knew there was a lot of time the cabin would sit vacant and we wanted to do something meaningful with it. We decided to work with Radiant Hope to provide free respite stays for families who desperately needed the time to get away and rest. It has been such a blessing working with these families.

Back in 2020, I quit working during COVID because of the demands of my job and the inability to balance work and family life. This freed me up to support my husband and kids and also have time for volunteer opportunities. One year ago, I was asked to join the board of directors at Radiant Hope. This was a way that I could indirectly help people with cancer, who are in the fight of their lives. This has been such a humbling experience and I've enjoyed getting other people aware and involved with this organization.

All I can say is get involved, make a difference, give back! Plan a pack party, join Holiday Hope, become a Hope Hero, or simply read the newsletter!



For more information on our respite program  
please visit our website at  
[www.radianthope.com/respite](http://www.radianthope.com/respite)