



2021 Ministry Report  
Cancer Companions

LET A  
**GOD-SIZED MISSION**

BREATHE VITALITY  
INTO YOUR LIFE.



How good and pleasant it is when God's people  
live together in unity!

Psalm 133:1

A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER,  
*Karen Tripp*



Hearing the news of someone struggling with cancer can leave us feeling concerned, frustrated, or even frightened. The futility of the situation might leave you thinking...

*"There's nothing I can do... it's cancer."*

The cancer around us can leave us feeling futile.

What if the next time you hear of a cancer struggle you felt **vitality** instead of **futility**?

We all know God is bigger than cancer and after 10 years Cancer Companions has developed programs which help patients systematically use the Christian faith in their battle against cancer. (page 4)

Cancer Companion's Christian Programs include two components research identifies may provide cancer patients longer, higher quality lives. (page 3)

*Really? Longer, higher quality lives?* **YES!**

The challenge now is to reach cancer patients at their time of need. Although research shows the effectiveness of treating a patient's spiritual and emotional well-being, cancer centers can be resistant to faith-based approaches. <sup>(1)</sup>

Which leads us to our...

## GOD-SIZED MISSION

To bring Cancer Companion's faith-based Christian programs into the science-based cancer community.

## Join the mission. Join Team Hope.

Team Hope is our community of monthly givers committed to bringing faith-based Christian programs into the science-based cancer community.

They are generous, caring people- like you- who will

- cover the project in prayer.
- encourage our leaders.
- support us consistently.

TEAM HOPE is a vibrant community and I want to invite you to join. As a Team Hope Member, you are making a difference. So the next time you hear of cancer, your frustration will become hope and your futility will be turned into vitality!! (page 11-12)

We all know, it only takes a **God Sized** mission to breathe vitality into your life!<sup>(2)</sup>

Breathe out futility. Breathe in vitality. Make a difference.  
JOIN TEAM HOPE.

Blessings,

*Karen Tripp*



Karen Tripp MS LMFT, Executive Director/Founder of Cancer Companions is an expert at strengthening faith in a cancer journey. Experience as a Family Counselor, Christian Author, & Public Speaker enables her to fuel difficult struggles with the hope of Christ. Cancer Companions is a shining example of the impact one person can have when they know they are called and persistently follow.

1.Using a Whole Person Approach to Support People With Cancer  
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5739159/>

2. Blues Brothers; Mission from God  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LMod2m5pzZU>



# Why support Cancer Companions?

Cancer Companion Programs ease suffering so cancer patients can have longer, higher quality lives.

## Cancer Studies Show

▼ Less depression/anxiety

▲ More religion/spirituality

can lead to

Longer, Higher Quality Lives

## Our Bible Study Participants report

**91%**



Less anxiety

**79%**



Less Depression

**87%**



"More comfortable with God's role in my cancer journey."

*Cancer Companions works!*

There's no need to keep hearing about cancer and feel the frustration that there is nothing you can do.



# How does Cancer Companions work?

Cancer Companion Programs systematically pour scripture, prayer and connections into good cancer days and bad.

## Three Programs

- 1.Cancer Prayer Partners weekly phone calls
- 2.Christian Cancer Bible Studies online/ in person
- 3.Christian Cancer Toolbox custom cancer materials

## Cancer Patients/Caregivers served

**75** in **24** served **1,062**  
Volunteer Teams States Cancer Patient  
Caregivers

# How are these programs fueled?

**404** **+** **3** Parttime  
Volunteers **+** **1** Full time **+** **YOU**  
Staff Members

You are the fuel which makes God Sized missions become REALITY!  
Thank you.

# Cancer Companions works.

## Website Services

64,154

Website Views

97

Christian Cancer Toolbox Reports

9,533

Devotional Page Visits

63,162

E-Newsletters Sent

1,326

Prayer Page Visits

## Volunteer Services

57

Bible Study Groups

24

States + South Africa

75

Volunteer Teams

404

Trained Volunteers

1,062

Cancer Patients & Caregivers Served

Cancer Companions knows how to

**EMPOWER** cancer patients with  
*scripture, prayer, and connection.*

We just need more fuel to reach more cancer patients.

# Our 30 Days of Cancer Prayers continues to **GROW**



featuring prayers from Kurt Warner, Matthew West, Mathew Knowles, and MORE!

	2019	2020	2021	2022
TOTAL REACH	7,356	118,128	309,858	251,526
DAILY VIEWERS	329	665	749	910

This massive virtual event would be impossible without our sponsors:



A majority of our sponsored prayer videos have a reach of over 50.3k on Facebook.

Sponsorships are not t-shirts anymore. They're on your phone, laptop, tablet, etc.

To learn more about 30 Days of Cancer Prayer 2023 Sponsorships, contact Karen Tripp at [Karen@cancer-companions.org](mailto:Karen@cancer-companions.org)

# MAKE A DIFFERENCE

*Fuel Those*

## CHRISTY'S CALLING



One year post treatment, Christy's Colorectal Cancer returned. The new treatments depleted Christy making living alone and working full time real concerns. By her 5th chemo she was completely drained and dehydrated. As she laid on her couch, unable to get herself a glass of water, Christy knew no one should go through this alone. Thankfully, her mom and her friends rallied to help her.

## ROXANNE AND DENNIS' CALLING



When diagnosed with Metastatic Prostate Cancer, Dennis discovered it had spread to his bones. In an effort to stop the spread of the cancer, Dennis began a clinical trial. Roxanne wanted to know "why?." Why did other's prostate cancer leave with treatment but Dennis's cancer would be with him for the rest of his life?

## LISA'S CALLING



Lisa's Metastatic Breast Cancer left her wanting to get back to the first-grade students she taught and the family she loved. After having a mastectomy and completing 7 months of chemotherapy and radiation, Lisa returned to her full life until eight years later when her cancer returned as metastatic breast cancer. Lisa's cancer would be with her the rest of her life too.

Thank you **TEAM HOPE** for

# WITHIN THIS GOD-SIZED MISSION

*who are called*

## HOW CHRISTY CHANGED LIVES:

Christy became our first Cancer Companion volunteer when she decided she wanted to want to do a cancer support group at her church. Christy's team helped pateints with difficult issue with grace, compassion and prayer.

## HOW ROXANNE AND DENNIS CHANGED LIVES:

Regardless of the clinical trial, Dennis and Roxanne started their Cancer Companions team. In the last 11 years they have led 135 group Bible Study meetings for over 165 cancer patients and their loved ones.

## HOW LISA CHANGED LIVES:

Long before her cancer returned, Lisa started a volunteer team which held cancer Companion Bible Study meetings at her cancer center. Each Bible study meeting impacted 20-30 cancer patients and loved ones from their community.

empowering those Called by God.



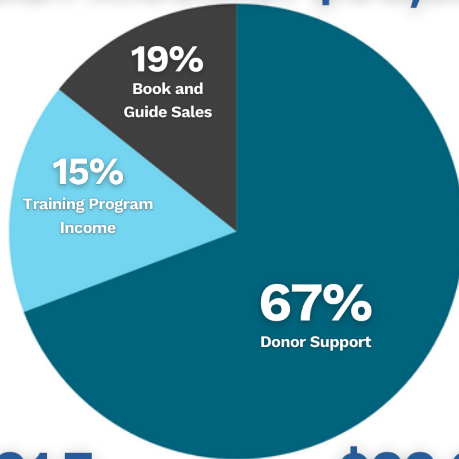
# Ministry Overview

	2021	2020	2019
<b>Income</b>			
Donor Support	\$ 53,767	\$ 46,865	\$ 26,418
Training Program Income	\$ 11,861	\$ 11,154	\$ 11,505
Book & Guide Sales	\$ 15,199	\$ 9,658	\$ 10,405
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 80,828</b>	<b>\$ 67,676</b>	<b>\$ 48,328</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
Programing & Service Delivery	\$ 60,005	\$ 57,311	\$ 54,486
Mgmt & General	\$ 3,360	\$ 3,409	\$ 6,665
Fundraising	\$ 6,317	\$ 6,695	\$ 10,250
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 69,682</b>	<b>\$ 67,416</b>	<b>\$ 71,401</b>
Change in Net Assets	\$ 11,145	\$ 261	\$ (23,073)
Net Assets, Beg of Year	\$ 35,782	\$ 35,521	\$ 58,594
<b>Net Assets, End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 46,927</b>	<b>\$ 35,782</b>	<b>\$ 35,521</b>

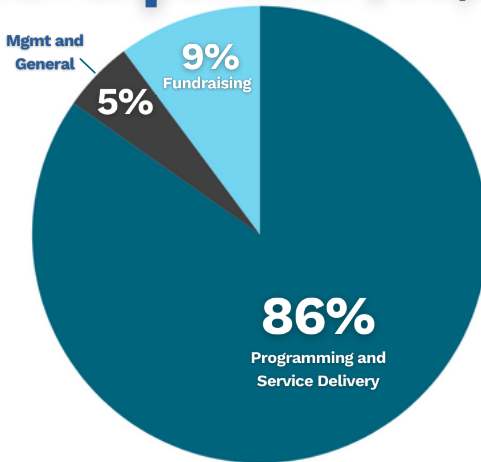
God used YOU,  
our wonderful donors,  
to make this growth happen.

# Thank you!!

# 2021 Income: \$80,828



# 2021 Expenses: \$69,682



**For every dollar donated, 86 cents goes directly to serving cancer patients/caregivers and our volunteers.**

Futility does not come from Christ.  
Our unity & vitality to push back cancer -  
THAT's Christ.

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Join **Team Hope** and experience the power of people unifying to accomplish a God-Sized mission.

**Team Hope** is a passionate and determined group of monthly givers determined to overcome the world's view of faith and cancer care.



### You Belong Here

- “Cancer Companions is loving, gut-wrenching, and safe.” Marilou - Kennewick, WA
- “Cancer Companions is a hand holder, a brush with angel’s wings and a stakeholder in your healing.” Lillian - Dallas, TX
- “Cancer Companions work with cancer patients in their time of need.” Karl - Wildwood, MO
- “I wouldn’t have made it without the help of Cancer Companions.” Sharon - Raleigh, NC

**Team Hope Members are Christ-followers and world changers, and you're going to fit right in.**

# Join Team Hope

Imagine... hearing story after story of cancer patient's lives you've changed.

## Join Team Hope

Choose an amount to give per month:

\$15/month    \$40/month  
\$65/month    \$125/month



It costs only \$40/month to support a 3 person volunteer team for one year. Some can give more. Some less. Team Hope members, through their donations, bring scripture, prayer and faith-filled connections to cancer patients.

### Team Hope Members Receive:

- Invitation to online shareholders meeting each November.
- Quarterly Team Hope E-newsletter showing how your money is being spent.
- Consistent information on prayer requests for ministry's plans.

## Three ways to donate/one time or monthly:

#1 <https://www.cancercompanion.org/team-hope>

#2 Cancer Companions  
PO Box 125  
Cottleville, MO 63338

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You are the fuel which makes God Sized missions become REALITY! Thank you.

# Board of Directors

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# The Christian Cancer Toolbox

**Share with  
A Friend**

**OUR FREE GIFT  
FOR YOU!**



A Christian Cancer Toolbox delivers a customized email report of cancer prayers, devotionals and stories so your friend with cancer can have more smiles, hugs and hope.

**It's simple. Just share  
this link or QR with your  
friend with cancer.**

<https://tinyurl.com/cancertoolbox>



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