

2022
IMPACT **REPORT**

Nebraska Cancer Specialists

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FOUNDATION





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WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

The NCS Hope Foundation accomplished many successes in 2022 as we continued to seek to improve the lives of individuals and families in the community who are impacted by cancer. Through our efforts, we are proud to share we have touched hundreds of individuals in Nebraska and the surrounding areas through support, resources, and advocacy.

As we continued to raise awareness and funds to support those in need, we thank those who have helped us along the way. Volunteers came together to host our 2nd annual free skin cancer event, screening nearly 200 individuals, half of which had never had a skin check before. The annual Topgolf Omaha fundraiser was another success raising more than \$41,500.

A unique and extra special component to the success of the foundation is the dedication from the Nebraska Cancer Specialists employees. In October, 93% of employees contributed to the employee giving campaign, raising

almost \$65,000 dollars for hope. The extraordinary team of physicians at Nebraska Cancer Specialists matched employee donations making this year the most successful to date.



We continue to be pleased with the exceptional growth of the foundation. We continue to work closely with other organizations across the state to provide assistance to those impacted by cancer in order for them to focus on hope and healing rather than the financial impact of the disease.

We thank you for standing by us and the millions of Americans every year who are impacted by cancer. What we do together makes a difference and we look forward to serving those in need for many more years to come.

Danielle

Danielle Geiger
MSN, APRN-NP, AOCNP



ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

The Nebraska Cancer Specialists (NCS) HOPE Foundation is a nonprofit organization that seeks to improve the lives of individuals and families in the community and the surrounding areas who are impacted by cancer treatment. The foundation does this by providing supportive services and resources to all oncology and hematology patients, families, and caregivers.

Emerging from the patient assistance fund at Nebraska Cancer Specialists, the NCS HOPE Foundation largely serves as a way to provide to patients in need of financial assistance through services and supportive resources such as:

- *Prescription Co-Pay assistance*
- *Rent and utilities assistance*
- *Groceries and comfort items*
- *Transportation/fuel cards*
- *Referrals to community resources*
- *Disease education*
- *Fitness programs*
- *Bereavement*
- *Respite/child care*
- *Caregiver support*
- *Scholarships*
- *Volunteer program*

Holistic Healing. Mind. Body. Spirit.

We help the whole person – we believe it is uniqueness, a blend of mind, body and soul, which make the whole greater than its parts.

Optimism

We believe survivorship begins the day of diagnosis. We believe that hope and optimism, for a patient with any stage of cancer, are as essential to recovery as the medicine receive.

Passion

We are passionate that each and every cancer patient gets the same opportunity for quality cancer care regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, education level, or geography.

Empowerment

A new cancer diagnosis or cancer recurrence can be overwhelming. We help lessen the fear and anxiety by providing knowledge and assistance when a plan has been chosen.





PATIENTS SERVED IN 2022

681

332 Patients Served by Type of Support*

Cab rides/Transportation	3
Car Payment	10
Food/Gift Certificates	28
Gas Cards	107
General misc.	12
Hotel	9
Rent/housing	40
Rx Copay	26
Utilities	28
Hope For the Holidays	474

*some patients may have received more than one type of assistance

HOPE
ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM
207

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HOLIDAYS
PROGRAM
474

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To improve the lives of cancer patients, their families, and the community.



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By The Numbers



\$6,542.66

Car Payments /
Cabs / Transportation



\$2,925.50

Hotel



\$35,063.33

Rent / Mortgage
Assistance



\$7,090.43

Rx Copay
Assistance



\$12,739.71

Utilities



\$4,685.08

Food / Gift
Certificates



\$16,226.78

Hope for the
Holidays



\$8,415.00

Gas Cards



\$4,568.76

Miscellaneous

\$98,257.25



DIGGING INTO THE NUMBERS

60K

Miles to Treatments

44

Trips to the Grocery Store

41

Utilities Bills

12

Car Payments

1 Final Trip to a Wildlife Safari for Grandmother and Grandchild



PATIENT QUOTE

“I am beyond thankful for the support I received from the NCS Hope Foundation!!! I was able to get my rent paid for a month which was extremely helpful! Getting a cancer diagnosis is definitely not something anyone wants to hear, but then having multiple medical bills on top of it as a result is especially stressful. Applying for the assistance was an easy process which was helpful because I already had enough on my plate with treatments, surgeries, doctor appointments, dealing with my insurance, work, and all of the emotions cancer brings. So I’m grateful that I didn’t have to jump through a lot of hoops to get help. Again, I truly appreciate the help and thank God for an organization like NCS Hope Foundation!”

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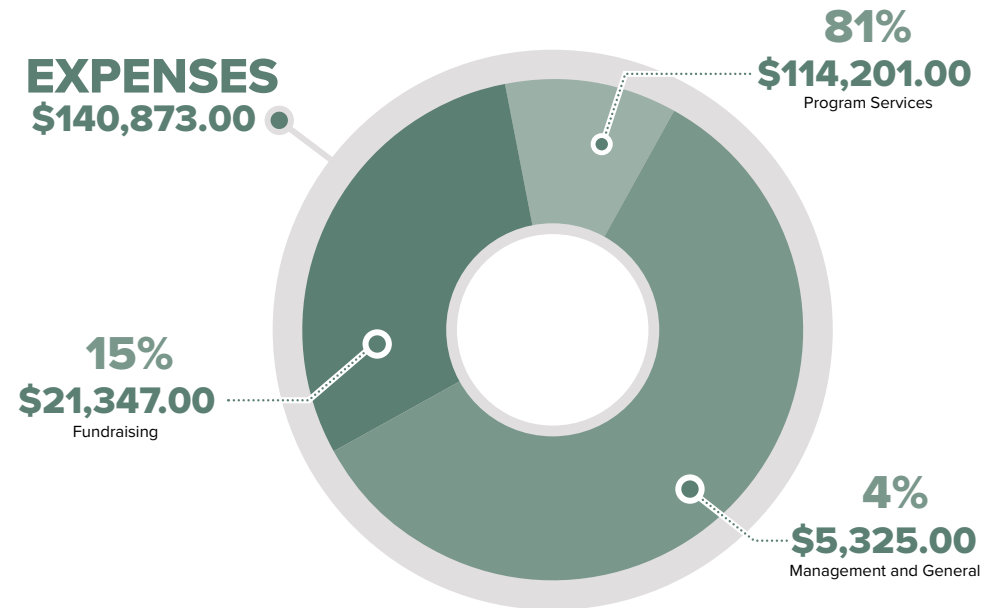
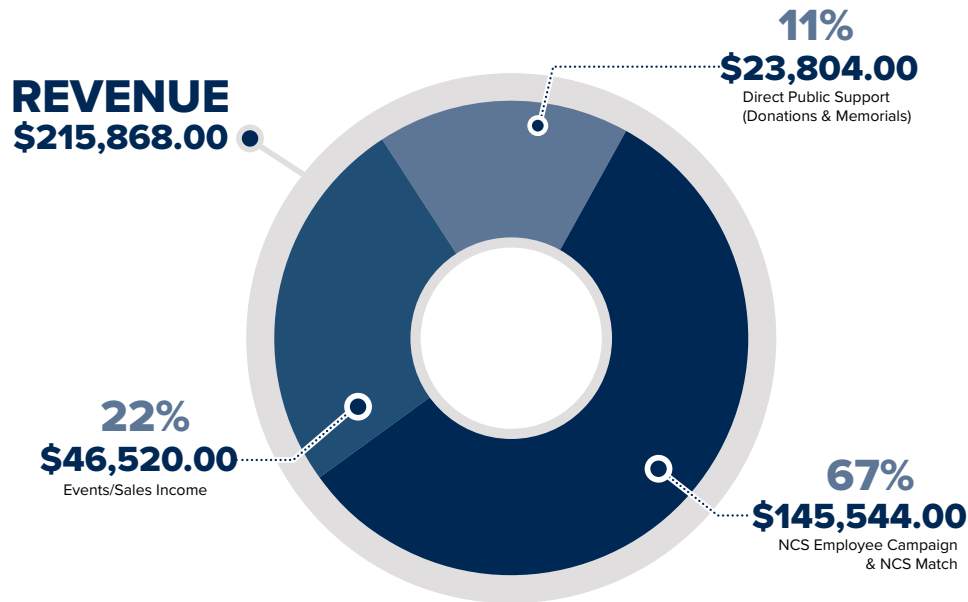


FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHT

NCS Hope Foundation provides much needed assistance, support, and smiles to so many in our community, thanks to your donations and support. We are proud to continue serving with compassion and hope.



This highlight is a combined statement of revenue, expenses and activity for the year ending on December 31, 2022.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The Employee Giving campaign had **93% participation** and NCS matched the giving dollar for dollar.

A Holiday Giving Campaign provided **100 dinner bags** with \$25 HyVee gift cards to patients and their families.

NCS HOPE Foundation supported **11 patients** from other providers - enriching the lives of greater Nebraska

Hosted annual skin cancer screening and the 2nd annual Top Golf Fundraiser



SKIN CANCER SCREENING EVENT THANK YOU SPONSORS AND VOLUNTEERS



We had a great venue to use with THINK Whole Person Healthcare; utilizing **28** exam rooms on the fourth floor for two hours. We had about **45** volunteers which included the dermatologists.

We had 200 people show up out of 250 scheduled. Of those **200** people, **52.5%** had never been to a free skin cancer screening before. **76%** of them did not have a dermatologist.

And the most important part...

Out of the 200 people screened for possible cancerous or precancerous conditions, **41.5% (83 people!)** were referred on for a second visit to look more closely at spots.

Furthermore, **34.5% (69 people) screened, were immediately recommended for a biopsy.** Reasons for the biopsy include spots that have a presumptive diagnosis such as basal cell carcinoma, melanoma, and squamous cell carcinoma.



"On December 2, 2022 I went in for my routine mammogram. I almost skipped this year because I had to get new health insurance due to a divorce. But I decided to go ahead with it and make payments if I had to. I was sent for an ultrasound following my mammogram, then I was sent on for a biopsy which started to concern me. I was told I have cancer in the left breast. Invasive Ductal Carcinoma, Stage 1, Nottingham grad 1, hormone positive, her 2 negative.

At that time my insurance only covered some preventative things with no major coverage. When I was told I would need surgery and radiation I knew it was going to be all out of pocket for me. I do have a great support system of friends and family which has been a huge help, but the added health insurance expense/medical bills have been very stressful.

On January 24, 2023 I had a lumpectomy on my left breast with a few lymph node removals. All went well with that. I thought my next step would be radiation however my Oncatype came back at 26 so Chemo was recommended. This was another hard pill to swallow and very emotional. I did 4 rounds of Chemo (Taxotere/Cytosan) and then 20 treatments of radiation.

Throughout all of this I have tried to hold my head up high and be positive. My faith has gotten me through this and I'm thankful God has put many avenues/people in place to help me along the way. I'm very thankful for organizations like NCS Hope Foundation that help ease the burden brought on by cancer. I appreciate the foundation helping me with my rent and I look forward to giving back in the future in any way I can."

Thank you,
Melody



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To our friends and supporters of the NCS HOPE Foundation,

Thank you for helping us empower cancer patients and their families in 2022! With your support, we were able to offer hope to cancer patients facing stress and challenges on their road to recovery. Your contributions propelled a broadening and deepening of impact for patients across the state. Looking ahead, I'm thankful for the board of directors for the honor of serving as the first executive director to continue this impact and enrich community partnerships to ensure that cancer patients and their families have the resources they need to thrive.

Thank you again,

Dan

Dan Walsh

NCS HOPE Foundation Executive Director

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