

Assistance in Healthcare 2017 Annual Report



Mission Statement

Assistance in Healthcare (AIH) is a not-for-profit charity which offers financial support to cancer patients in active treatment who have become financially challenged. We help offset non-medical expenses such as food, utilities, and mortgage/rent during their cancer treatment.

Message from the Founder

Cheers All,

s the founder of Assistance in Healthcare (AIH), I'm pleased to have this opportunity to share a bit of history about this remarkable organization which has become a lifeline to thousands of cancer patients and their families since its creation in 1983.

The first night following my becoming chairman of a hospital in Zion, Illinois in 1975 that would ultimately become the flagship of Cancer Treatment Centers of America® (CTCA), I walked the halls and talked with every patient I could find. Those who know me well would not find this the least bit strange or out of character, as any patient with whom I can connect directly is well worth the effort to do so in my book. It is in fact why we do what we do... as it is always and only about the patient.

I did this walkabout repeatedly for many nights, weeks and months thereafter. We already knew how physically and emotionally devastating a cancer diagnosis and potentially lengthy battle with the disease could be for patients and their families. We also came to know, through my family's and my own painful experience with my mother's courageous battle with bladder cancer, that treatment of the whole person – body, mind and soul – was non-existent at that time. In fact, following my mother's passing several years later, we committed in her memory to changing that paradigm, to changing the face of cancer care and thus, Cancer Treatment Centers of America was born.

But it was those late night walks through the patient corridors in Zion where I learned firsthand from patients about a different, though no less debilitating, aspect of their cancer fight. Like cancer, it is also one that can negatively impact a person's whole life and family. I heard from these patients about their many financial burdens above and beyond the medical costs of a cancer diagnosis. For far too many families, daily living expenses such as food, utilities, housing and other basic needs, can be overwhelming, especially when treatments require significant time away from home and work. And while efforts were already underway in Zion to help ease the burden of rising medical costs, to my knowledge there was not a single program anywhere in America to help patients focus solely on fighting their cancer without the added worry of mounting nonmedical bills. That had to change.

In 1983, we established and launched Assistance in Healthcare, a non-profit 501(c)3 charitable organization dedicated to patient care "beyond the medicine." Today, under the gifted and



exemplary leadership of its chairperson, Jamie Stephenson, AlH has chapters at all five CTCA hospitals, supporting patients in Zion (formed in 1983); Tulsa, Oklahoma (formed in 1993); Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (formed in 2006); Goodyear, Arizona (formed in 2008); and Newnan, Georgia (formed in 2012). Donations to AIH chapters, which receive no state or federal funding, have provided financial support for the non-medical expenses of thousands of CTCA and other cancer patients throughout the country. Thanks to the compassion and generosity of donors nationwide, Assistance in Healthcare has enabled cancer patients to keep their lights on and get the groceries, transportation and housing support they need to stay focused on their healing journeys.

I owe a debt of gratitude to those patients in the hallways of Zion who allowed me to interrupt their guiet and were courageous enough to share their most personal stories of pain and survival. It is because of you that Assistance in Healthcare was born and continues to touch so many lives, for which I am forever grateful...and so are they.

God Bless and Thank You,

Richard J Stephenson

Cancer Treatment Centers of America Global, Inc.

AIH is About Helping People

For more than 30 years Assistance in Healthcare has been helping cancer patients facing financial distress while undergoing active treatment. We provide financial support to help patients lessen the burden of basic living expenses which can be challenging to meet during treatment.

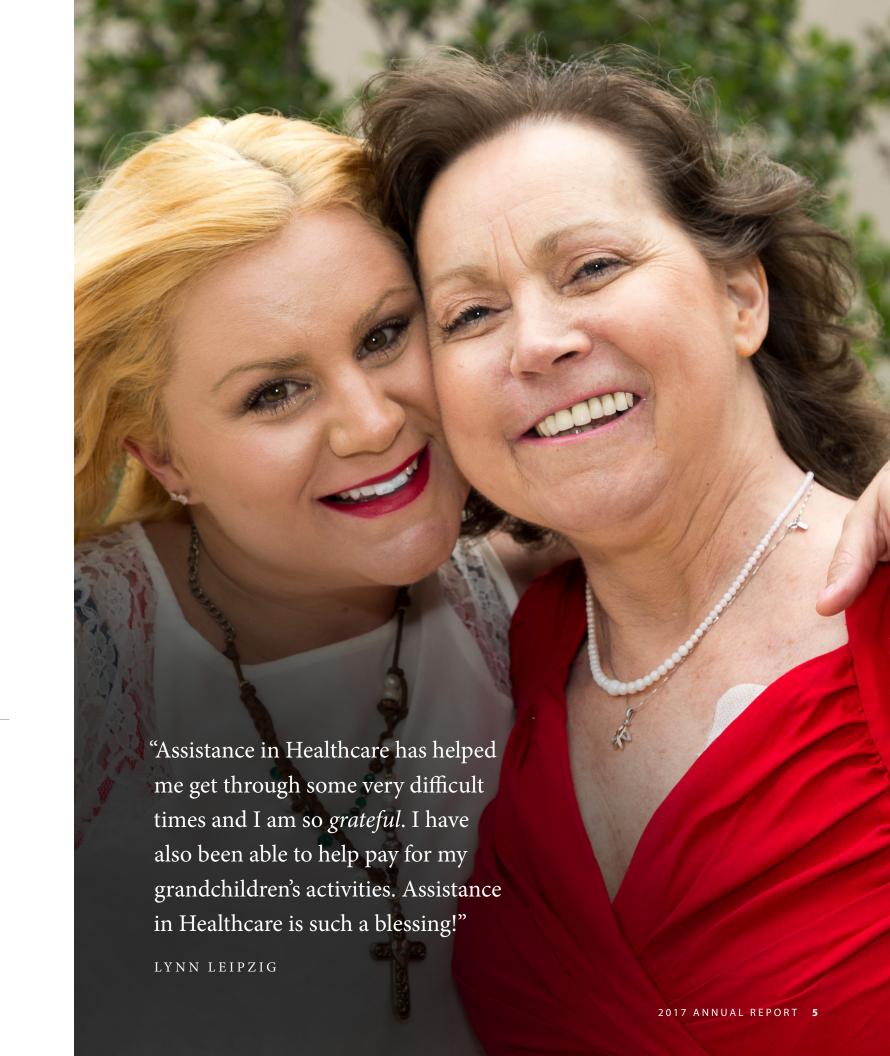
Fighting cancer is difficult enough for a family without the added financial strains that often accompany such a diagnosis.

Financially-induced stress can negatively impact a patient's ability to heal. Allowing patients and their families to focus – mind, body and spirit – on the cancer battle before them is critical to the healing process.

Research shows that people diagnosed with cancer are two-and-a-half times more likely to declare bankruptcy.

"We got the check today and went to get some real groceries for the first time in a month! Thank you so much. We have been living off of cheese toast, grilled cheese and peanut butter and jelly. I'm going to make hamburgers and cream potatoes tomorrow. So excited! Thanks again."

RICK AND STACIE MORRIS





Message from the *Chairperson*

Dear Friends of Assistance in Healthcare,

ssistance in Healthcare (AIH) has made a very real difference in countless lives since its inception in 1983. I had the privilege of being invited in 2001 to serve on the AlH board in Zion, where I have worked with an amazing team of volunteers committed to helping people who are struggling to pay their everyday bills while undergoing treatment. When I took on the national chairmanship role four years ago, I vowed to do everything in my power to help this wonderful organization get to a place where nobody in need of assistance with personal expenses, while they faced the challenge of a cancer diagnosis, was ever turned away. I am proud to say, on behalf of a wonderful team of fundraisers, philanthropists and just plain compassionate and caring individuals, we are moving quickly in that direction.

My first and probably most impactful experience with cancer occurred when I was a teenager. My Uncle Freddy died of cancer when he was only 37 years old. I will never forget the impact it had on my mom and our whole family. He left behind a young wife, a nine-year-old son and daughter who had just turned four. While not as difficult financially for them as many, the loss and struggles to regain wholeness as a family were devastating.

When you look at the toll cancer takes on a family, what is often less obvious is the personal financial burden, above and beyond the medical and insurance costs. The day-to-day life expenses of mortgage or rent, electricity, groceries, schooling, etc. become pressures that are often insurmountable when a cancer diagnosis suddenly interferes with a patient or caregiver's ability to support a family. I could not imagine today, as a mom, being forced to choose between paying bills and putting food on the table for my son or using those funds to keep myself or a loved one in treatment. Yet, that is the plight of far too many cancer patients.

My father-in-law, Richard J Stephenson, refers to our family's relationship with Cancer Treatment Centers of America® as a calling, not a business. I too feel very much the same way about Assistance in Healthcare. I am extremely blessed, and could not be prouder or more humbled, to serve as the national chair of this wonderful organization.



To the patients, families and caregivers who should never have to make a choice between treatment and providing basic necessities for their families, you have my commitment to helping change that reality once and for all.

And to the compassionate and dedicated people around me who embrace this mission, thank you for your support, thank you for your caring, and thank you for your commitment to making the world a better place for those who must focus their energies on a personal healing journey.

Thank you for helping us help others,

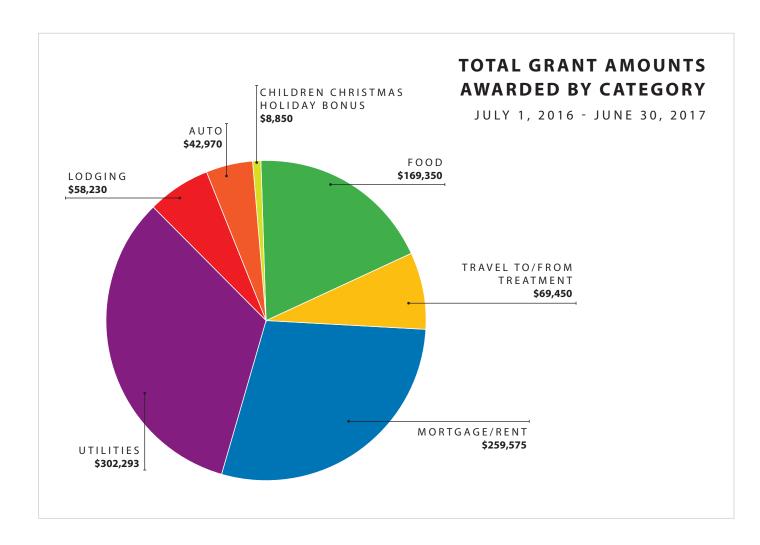
Jamie Stephenson

National Chair of the Board Assistance in Healthcare

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How your *Donations* have Helped Cancer Patients

Assistance in Healthcare reviewed 3,632 applications for fiscal year 2017 and granted \$910,718 to patients and families in need.



Increased financial burden as a result of cancer care costs is the strongest independent predictor of poor quality of life among cancer survivors.

AlH eases the burden of financial hardships for cancer patients.



MONTHLY GRANT AWARDS

JULY 1, 2016 - JUNE 30, 2017

•	July	\$67,750	January	\$96,050
	August	\$61,525	February	\$102,490
	September	\$69,775	March	\$75,760
	October	\$66,650	April	\$66,170
	November	\$91,316	May	\$72,675
	December	\$91,807	June	\$48,750

Total \$910,718

Letter from the *President*

Dear Assistance in Healthcare Family, Friends and Colleagues,

am so very proud to serve as President of Assistance in Healthcare (AIH). Since AIH's founding in Zion in 1983, it has become a lifeline of support for thousands of cancer patients facing not only the clinical challenges and costs of fighting their disease, but the often overwhelming impact of that battle on their family's financial survival – paying the rent or mortgage, clothing and feeding their family – when the cancer fight interferes with their job and paycheck.

During my personal battle with my loving husband Kenny's cancer at Cancer Treatment Centers of America® (CTCA) at Midwestern Regional Medical Center (Midwestern) in Zion, I heard firsthand countless stories from patients and caregivers about the financial struggles beyond the cost of care that were devastating their lives. When I had the personal opportunity to make them aware of our amazing organization and the benefits available to them, tears would quickly flow..."I thought I was falling down a hole."

That is what makes our organization, staffed entirely by amazing volunteers, so critically important for so many families. I have had the privilege of serving Assistance in Healthcare in Zion for 14 years, and in that time I continue to be moved and amazed at the generosity of spirit and fundamental human compassion that has enabled us to raise \$910,718 and review more than 3,600 cases to assist patients and their families for fiscal 2017.

But the reality is that cancer is not going away any time soon, nor is the struggle by so many to financially survive the journey. As we all know, cancer is an incredibly expensive disease...to treat, to battle, and to survive. We owe it to the families we already serve, and the countless more who will seek our assistance in the future, to never slow our efforts to raise dollars that can actually be the determinant in not having to choose between treatment and basic human necessities.



On behalf of every patient and family member who has ever reached out to Assistance in Healthcare, thank you. Thank you for always being there. And thank you for caring for those who find themselves in the battle of their lives.

With grateful appreciation,

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Maryl Smith
President

Assistance in Healthcare, Zion



"My life changed drastically with the cancer diagnosis. When you go through treatment and lose your hair, people look at you like a cancer. I am a person that takes pride and care in how I look. Being able to buy a wig with help from Assistance in Healthcare brought me from a zero to a ten! Assistance in Healthcare also helped me keep my daughter in school and continue to pay my bills. I am very grateful for Assistance in Healthcare." TAWANA COLEMAN 12 ASSISTANCE IN HEALTHCARE

How We Raise Funds

ne organization's board members are volunteers who donate their time and other resources for board and committee meetings required to plan and produce fundraising activities. The group plans and runs a variety of events throughout the year, including major fundraisers.

7TH ANNUAL BOB & JACKIE MUSICK MEMORIAL GOLF CLASSIC

On Monday, September 12, 2016, Assistance in Healthcare held its 7th Annual Bob & Jackie Musick Golf Classic at the Royal Melbourne Country Club.

At this revered event, we had a great mix of corporate executives, physicians, bankers, lawyers and vendors to support our great cause!











How We Raise Funds

30TH ANNUAL SWEETHEART BALL

n Saturday, February 20, 2016, more than 550 distinguished guests, including many of the region's most influential physicians, community and business leaders, came together at the Marriott Lincolnshire to celebrate, honor and support Assistance in Healthcare at its 30th Annual Sweetheart Ball. This sold-out event was a huge success, raising more than \$700,000 for cancer patients in need. The event included live and silent auctions, a Fund-a-Patient Campaign, cocktails, dining and dancing.















he event was held at the Inn at Market Square in Zion on May 19, 2017. We had over 70 women dancing the night away! Due to the generosity of our sponsors and guests, Assistance in Healthcare raised over \$24,000!









OTHER SOURCES OF REVENUE

Other major funding sources include memorials, grants, payroll deductions and donations from patients' families and friends.

"Just sending a quick note of thanks. I was pleasantly surprised yesterday after getting the mail to find that I received a \$300 grant from AIH. I was super elated and am very grateful to have been selected to receive this gift. I will send a thank-you card to the AIH mailbox as well to say thanks to the entire committee. Again, many, many thanks to you for being one of my Care Angels. God truly surrounds me by His best." ALESIA BOONE 16 ASSISTANCE IN HEALT

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Who We Help and Why

a patient who receives a diagnosis of cancer, the financial impact can be significant. In 2017 there will be an estimated 1,685,210 new cancer diagnoses.

We help lessen the burden of non-medical needs such as groceries, utilities, housing, transportation and basic living expenses which may be neglected during cancer treatment.

When cancer invades a family's way of life and interferes with their ability to earn a living and support their family, the resulting financial burden, beyond the medical costs, can be devastating. Far too many cancer patients, families and caregivers, already battling to make ends meet, find themselves in the horribly stressful position of choosing between paying the rent or mortgage, keeping the lights on, feeding their families or affording their out-of-pocket treatment expenses.



AIH does not receive federal funding. We rely solely on the generosity of our supporters through foundations, corporations, and private individuals.

All donations made to AIH are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.

AIH is managed by an all-volunteer group.



Financial Hightlights

JULY 2016 THROUGH JUNE 2017

SOURCES OF REVENUE

Donations 350,937.07 **Fundraising Events** 810,049.00 Investments 6.22

TOTAL REVENUE 1,160,992.29

EXPENSES

Bank Fees - Fundraising 13,012.96 Grants 910,718.36 Outside Contractual Services 216,103.59 Administrative Expenses 10,332.13 **TOTAL EXPENSES** 1,150,167.04

NET INCOME 10,825.25



Thank you to our *Donors*

\$100,000 AND ABOVE

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\$50,000 - \$99,999

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