

Overview:

It is the mission of the Adams County Cancer Coalition to coordinate and provide aid and relief to those individuals and families, in Adams County Indiana who have been diagnosed with cancer. We will also be giving to research agencies so that they can find better treatment and a cure for cancer.

Our goal is to assist persons and families during extraordinary times. We will do this by providing financial assistance for prescriptions, medical expenses, house payments, utility expenses, food, lodging for families when patients are receiving treatment, and fuel cards.

We will primarily be a volunteer based program. We do understand that many people even when going through treatment do not want to receive financial assistance. We are a small county of just under 35,000 and people often do not want a hand out. We have hard working people in Adams County who often live pay check to pay check. We want to give those kind of people a chance to help us and in return we will reimburse them for their time. Often cancer patients and a caregiver have a hard time keeping a full time job. We want to empower those who we can by allowing them to do data entry, stuffing envelopes, answering a phone, and doing some general office work. It will give a patient or caregiver a sense of giving back and still be able to receive financial support.

Our financial resources will come from donations through letter writing, fundraising and grant money. We will be doing bi-monthly fundraising. Some of these may include a Valentine's Day dinner, a Bowl-a-Rama, Nerf War to get children involved. We have also reached out to local schools who are currently raising funds by having cancer dress up days and getting school organizations involved. A local FFA is going to help us and are calling it farmers fighting cancer. We were recently just awarded money from the VFW and another local organization. Our major fundraiser each year will be a cancer walk. We will have live entertainment, food, drinks and a silent auction. This will generate a large portion of our donations. In the past similar events have raised over \$80,000.00. We are working towards adding educational information to our event. We are hoping to have local dermatologist help us with skin cancer facts, a local dentist help us with cancers dealing with the gums, mouth and tongue. We are really hoping to raise awareness and safety tip in our rural area.

We will be working with other cancer organizations in our area so that we are not duplicating services and funding. We will also be networking with them so even though we are different entities we can utilize each other's services for clients so that they can receive all possible services in their time of need.

Volunteering:

There will be many opportunities for community outreach and volunteering. We will greatly depend on volunteers of all ages to make the Adams County Cancer Coalition successful. This will be a great opportunity for all ages to give back to our community and help those in need. We want to show the younger populous in our county how important it is to donate time and the reward that you get from it. We want to pair up with our local student health organization so that they can work with our cancer survivors and families. The Adams County Cancer Coalition will be run by volunteers, there will be no paid employee's for our coalition.

The funds received through the entirety of the corporation's activities will be used exclusively for the charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and will not be used for personal gains of any sort.

Distribution of funds to Individuals and Organizations:

We do not fundraise for any specific organization and the Adams County Cancer Coalition is not organized solely to contribute or fundraise for any specific entity. However, at the discretion of the board of directors we will give a yearly donation to a cancer research organization. There will be rigorous research done so that we can make sure that we are giving money to a research facility that is working towards the Adam's County Cancer Coalitions goal of finding better medications, and treatments for those individuals battling cancer and finding a cure for cancer. Some examples may be the Indiana University Simon Cancer Center (who currently has 5 research programs), The Cancer Research Institute, or the Childhood Cancer Research Fund through the University of Minnesota or the St. Baldrick's Foundation. Only 4% of US funding is used for Childhood cancer research. The Adams County Cancer Coalition believes that finding better treatment and a cure is imperative to all cancer patients.

The Adams County Cancer Coalition will distribute funds to local Adams County Individuals who are battling cancer. There will be an application for funds based on need. The funds will be released by the use of a gift card and/or direct giving to a place of business. We will not be handing out cash to individuals so that we can track where money is used. We will go to a local pharmacy with a patient to purchase meds, make lodging arrangements that we can directly pay for, for caregivers while treatment is being provided when it is not feasible to be close to home. We will provide gas cards for patients to attend appointments. We will be able to pay utility companies directly. We can buy groceries for individuals and families. We will work closely with local repair shops to see that a vehicle is drivable for treatment is a car is not working. We do not have great resources in our rural community for transportation for patients. There is no real "public transportation" to be utilized in Adams County.

Funds will be distributed in the following manner: 30% will go back into the Adams County Cancer Coalition for operating funds (this includes insurance, office expenses, postage, fundraising expenses and our "Random Acts of Love" and other operating needs), 30% will be given directly to Adams County residents battling cancer for cancer related needs, 40% will be given to research.

Financial Information:

The Adams County Cancer Coalition disposes its income through the decisions made by its board of directors or through the decisions of the duly elected treasurer, whose power to pay expenses is set out by the board or the corporation's bylaws in accordance to the corporation's purpose. Expenses paid by the corporation include, but are not limited to: equipment purchases and rentals, insurance premiums, internet web site fees, publications, advertising, and giving to cancer patients and families.

**Please note if the Decatur First United Methodist Church chooses to give to our organization you could choose where your money is directed within the Adams County Cancer Coalition. For example if you would give us \$2000 you could say that you want all money given to go to "Random Acts of Love" and we would go purchase gift certificates, gift cards, small care packages, movie tickets, etc. with those funds. We want to make sure that donations and grants that are given to the Adams County Cancer Coalition are spent in the manner the giving agent intends. We know that every dollar counts and that we will be giving in various ways and we want to make sure that our giving reflects the goals and mission of your agency as well.

We have also included our application for funds within this packet. We wanted you to see the process of what people need to do to request funds. Please feel free to keep a copy of this application so that you could utilize for your parishioners who are battling cancer.