



TRAVEL TO HOPE UPDATE

Offering hope to cancer patients by helping them afford to travel for care

It is hard to believe that we are now **celebrating the 4th anniversary of Travel to Hope.** You have allowed us to do more than I ever could have imagined.

Bringing Hope and Healing to Cancer Patients and Families

I am pleased to report that your incredible generosity has allowed us this past year to help **an additional 190 patients and has funded an additional 2,000 trips, while providing ongoing support to all of our patients.**

This past year, you also have helped **an additional 54 patients complete their treatment,** thanks to your support.

In total, these past four years – ***thanks to you*** – we have accomplished so much:

Total TRAVEL TO HOPE Impact



One thing that I now understand that sets Travel to Hope apart from many other organizations is that our aim is to travel along with our patients and families in their cancer journey for as long as they need our help.

Other organizations typically help only once or once in a set period of time, even though the need is ongoing.

Several of our patients have been with us for over 3 years. Several others who have not needed support for some time have needed to return for assistance.

Thank you for the incredibly generous and ongoing support that allows us to continue to be there for them when they need us.

Anniversary Messages from Our Patients

Our patients are a highly diverse group... of all ages and ethnicities, from all regions, and with wide-ranging occupations and backgrounds. But they have two things in common: they need our assistance to travel for life-saving treatment, and they share a deep gratitude for your generosity that allows them to travel to receive the care they so desperately need.



Patient Thank You Messages

My words can never truly convey the impact your generosity has had on them and their families, so I will let them express it best. I hope you will take a few minutes to review the many heartfelt thank you messages that our patients asked that I share with you.

The response was overwhelming, but I included them all since their words speak directly to the impact your generosity makes. Viewing them all will take 5-10 minutes, but I assure you it will be time so very well-spent.

Please click [here](#) to view their messages.

Moving Forward

We have helped so many in need, but much work remains ahead of us. ***The demand for assistance from new patients is more than double last year, and we once again have new patients needing our help that our funding cannot support.***

How You Can Help

[Anniversary \\$15,000 Matching Gift Opportunity](#)

In celebration of our anniversary, Travel to Hope has an opportunity to receive up to **\$15,000 in matching gifts from a very generous donor, starting today.** Help us take full advantage of this gift by [donating now!](#)

[Give for Good Louisville](#) Fundraiser... Thursday, September 10



The Community Foundation of Louisville is sponsoring its 13th annual [Give for Good Louisville](#) event – a unique fundraising opportunity for Louisville-based nonprofits.

This event times perfectly and allows Travel to Hope to receive **up to \$15,000 in matching gifts** from our donor and to **receive a portion of the available \$349,000 in cash prizes** that are part of this special event.

Please be sure to mark your calendars for next Thursday 9/10, share our social media posts and donate so we can **achieve our goals of raising \$30,000 and securing 100 new donors** so that we can fully utilize this wonderful matching gift opportunity, compete for the available prize money and be able to continue to support our current patients and help every patient who has asked for our help!

If you are interested in being a **Travel to Hope fundraiser** for next week's event, you can create your own fundraising page [here](#). Just click "Fundraise," create your page and share with your friends, family, and colleagues!

Additional Ways You Can Help

- Share this update with friends, family, and colleagues.
- Follow us on [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Instagram](#) and invite your networks to follow us as well!
- If you are celebrating a special milestone (birthday, anniversary, graduation, etc.), please consider celebrating that occasion by helping our patients through a [Facebook Fundraiser](#). It is easy to do and 100% of your fundraiser proceeds come directly to Travel to Hope.
- Introduce me to individuals or charitable foundations that, like you, have a passion for helping cancer patients in need and might be willing to support our efforts.
- If you might consider making an additional donation, please consider making your gift a recurring donation or consider making a gift of stock which enables us to plan for the long-term support of patients more confidently.
- If you would be willing to be a **matching donation sponsor** for our upcoming Giving Tuesday fundraising efforts, please let me know. Matching gifts truly make a tremendous difference on our fundraising success!

Stewardship and Transparency

As we begin our fourth year of operation, our funding model continues to ensure that all administrative expenses are paid for independent of your donations which ensures that **100% of every donation** made to us goes directly to helping cancer patients with their travel expenses.

We also are extremely proud to again have been awarded this year the [Candid GuideStar's Platinum Seal of Transparency](#), their highest designation which is held by fewer than 1% of all US nonprofit organizations.

We are immensely grateful for entrusting us with your amazing support this past year and hope for your continued generosity to allow us to help even more cancer patients in need.

On behalf of the 548 patients and families you support, **thank you** for the hope you give.

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