



TRAVEL TO HOPE UPDATE

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

It is hard to believe that it has been two years since we launched Travel to Hope. With only a desire to help as many patients as possible, you have allowed us to do more than I ever could have imagined.

Bringing Hope and Healing to Cancer Patients and Families

When I wrote to you this time last year, we had helped 90 patients with over 500 trips to treatment. Today, I am pleased to report that your generosity has allowed us this past year to help **an additional 100 patients and has funded an additional 1,200 trips,**

We also have had **20 patients complete their treatment,** thanks to your support.

***Travel to Hope* total impact**



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.



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...

[A Special Thank You Video from Jana](#)

Jana is a patient from Texas who has been fighting cancer for four years. For the first few years she was able to manage the costs of her travel to treatment. Over time, as medical bills mounted and she became unable to sustain her income due to her illness, her travel costs became too great of a financial burden, and her oncology social worker referred her to us. Jana created a video to express her gratitude for your support and the impact it has made on her and her family.

I hope you will take a minute to listen to her message by clicking [here](#).

[More Patient Thank You Messages](#)

I hope you will take another couple of minutes to review the many additional heartfelt thank you messages that our patients asked that I share with you by clicking [here](#).

Moving Forward

We have helped so many in need, but much work remains ahead of us. ***The demand for assistance remains greater than we can support, and our patient waitlist continues to grow.***

How You Can Help



[Give for Good Louisville](#) ... September 12

The Community Foundation of Louisville is sponsoring its 11th annual [Give for Good Louisville](#) event – a unique fundraising opportunity for Louisville-based nonprofits.

Starting today and **culminating on Thursday, September 12**, Travel to Hope has an opportunity to receive **up to \$10,000 in matching gifts** from three generous donors and to **receive a portion of the available \$381,500 in cash prizes**.

Please be sure to mark your calendars, share our social media posts and donate so we can **achieve our goals of raising \$20,000 and securing 150 new donors** so that we can fully utilize this wonderful matching gift opportunity, compete for the available prize money and be able to help every patient on our waitlist!

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Giving Tuesday 2024 ... December 3

Last year we raised \$26,953.60 on Giving Tuesday. Our goal is to increase that number by 50% to **raise \$40,000 in donations on Giving Tuesday 2024.**

We have already secured \$5,000 in matching gift opportunities from generous donors for Giving Tuesday 2024. If you would be willing to join as a matching donation sponsor, please let me know. Matching gifts truly make a tremendous difference on our fundraising success!

Also, we are hopeful that we will once again have generous Corporate Employee Matching opportunities this year to help us achieve our goal. Please check with your employer to see if they will provide a matching gift to maximize the impact that your Giving Tuesday (or other!) donation has.

Stay tuned for more Giving Tuesday details in the coming weeks!

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.

Stewardship and Transparency

As we begin our third 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 continue to be proud that we have maintained our [Candid GuideStar's Gold Seal of Transparency](#), a designation held by only ~5% 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 190 patients and families you support, **thank you** for the hope you give.

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