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## A Message

*From 9474 President, Mike Land...*

Thank you for taking the time to read our first 9474 Foundation newsletter. As we continue to grow as an organization, we look forward to increasing our scope of influence and support as we strive to advance our mission to bring joy to young adults with cancer and those pursuing a Christian education.

One of the organizations we have consistently partnered with is the UT Southwestern Medical Center Young Adults with Cancer Support (YACS) Group in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. This group has done an extraordinary job taking care of their members and their families, not only while these young adults continue to battle cancer but also during external challenges stemming from COVID-19. I'd like to highlight the section from the YACS UTSW Social Worker Alex Huffman, where you can read more about how she and her group of volunteers support dozens of patients, not only locally but across the nation.



Mike Land

Click [HERE](#) to visit our website for more information about the 9474 Foundation. Furthermore, be sure to follow us on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter (@9474Foundation). We have some exciting things planned for the future, such as our "Meet the Board" highlights, where you will get to know the phenomenal team God has blessed us with. He has truly exceeded all that we could ask for or imagine as we continue to move ahead, according to His will, to a more widespread scope of support.

Thanks again for taking the time to read this! We are grateful for your prayers and support. May God bless you, as together we continue to bring joy in the midst of trials.

## Why 9474?

The 9474 foundation exists by God's grace to honor the life of Phil Taylor, who lived 9,474 days on earth prior to having colon cancer end his earthly life.

Phil graduated from Orange Lutheran High School in Orange, Calif., before moving to Fort Worth, Texas, to study sports broadcasting and play football at Texas Christian University.



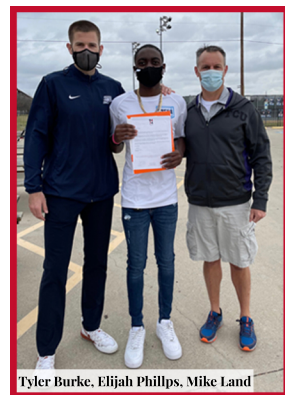
Phil Taylor

Shortly after graduation, Phil coached at Prince of Peace Christian School in Carrollton, Texas. During his battle with colon cancer, Phil's positive outlook and personal passion to assist others carried into various doctors' offices and treatment facilities. His attitude and effort were evident to all around him and, through his relationships, as he strove to do his best in any situation.

## 2020-21 Coach Taylor Scholarship Winner

To carry out the 9474 Foundation's mission of supporting Christian education, The Coach Taylor Scholarship is given to Prince of Peace Christian School in Carrollton, Texas, where Phil coached football and baseball.

The 2020-21 recipient of the Coach Taylor Scholarship was Elijah (EJ) Phillips, a sophomore football and basketball player. Even as a young athlete, EJ gives 100% effort for his team, always maintaining an upbeat attitude and playing an integral part in team unity.



Tyler Burke, Elijah Phillips, Mike Land

## Proud Partners

### With UT Southwestern

*We have a tremendous partnership with UT Southwestern Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center in Dallas. Alex Huffman is the facilitator for the Dallas Young Adults Cancer Support program (Dallas YACS).*

*Please see the below message from Alex:*

“Young adults living with cancer face unique challenges related to work, school, health insurance, relationships, sexuality, body image, fertility, spirituality and emotional well-being. Our supportive program exists to help with those challenges.



Alex Huffman

For almost two years now, ongoing support from the 9474 Foundation has given us the opportunity to encourage, strengthen and empower young adults by providing financial support for things such as groceries, utilities, and medical copays, as well as offer our members numerous social activities. Thank you for the role that you have played in helping these young adults through your support of the 9474 Foundation.”

*You can follow Dallas YACS on the 9474 Foundation website or on Instagram (@DallasYACS).*

## The Impact of the 9474 Foundation

The 9474 Foundation is about bringing “joy in the trials of life” to others. Your investment in our Foundation has impacted so many people. George Castillo Jr. is one of those individuals. He writes:

“My name is George Castillo Jr. and I would like to say, ‘Thank you for the virtual gift card!’ I’m a member of the YACS group at UTSW Cancer Center. I had a terminal blood cancer in March 2018 with only 3-6 months to live and a 1% survival rate. After aggressive chemo and an auto stem cell transplant, I’m still alive today thanks to God and many prayers. I just recently celebrated my 3-year cancer survivorship milestone. A week later, someone burned my car at my house. (Continued onto next column)



Castillo Family

No one was hurt, but this virtual gift card came in handy while I’m trying to gather funds for another car and trying to maintain a strict budget on food expenses. Thank you for your generosity towards our YACS group at UTSW Cancer Center and may God Bless.”

## Why I Give...

“I first met Phil Taylor when he was a little boy who loved making other people smile, and I watched him grow into a young man who kept that generous and gregarious nature, a man who was happy in helping others succeed. The 9474 Foundation is an extension of Phil himself, and it gives me great joy to support it. The work this foundation is doing is extremely important as it shares Christ’s love with a population of medical patients who are often overlooked.”

- Kerri Tom, Faithful Donor

## OrangeLove

### With OrangeTheory Fitness, NTX



Mike Land & OrangeTheory Staff

We are very grateful for the support of 9474 Foundation partner Orangetheory Fitness! Its Orange Love program provided \$5,000 for Dallas Young Adults with Cancer.

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