

Phil's Story

I was diagnosed with Stage 4B Hodgkin's Lymphoma in 2004. I had been in the most advanced stage of my cancer nine months prior to my initial diagnosis. After receiving four months of aggressive chemotherapy at the University of Chicago Hospitals, tests in September showed no cancer.



I began my first year of teaching fourth grade in October, 2004. However, I had to stop teaching in April of 2005 when I relapsed. I endured more aggressive treatment. In August, at the height of my treatments, I received six days of lethal chemotherapy followed by a successful stem-cell transplant as well as radiation. In mid-November, 2005, I once again received excellent news from my doctors that tests showed me to be cancer free. I resumed my teaching responsibilities in February of 2006.

In some of my weakest times I cried out to the Lord and my prayers were answered. I said, "Lord, if it is my time to go to Heaven I am ready, but if this is not my time I will keep on fighting, devote my life to you and whatever you have planned for me." God answered my prayers and let me know that it was not my time to go to Heaven. God wanted me to use this sickness and what I had learned from it to help others in similar situations. It was on my hospital bed in my sickest moments where the ideas for Phil's Friends Christian Cancer Foundation were born.

God transformed my life during my fight with cancer. I want all cancer patients and their families to have God's Word and the peace of Jesus Christ as their Savior to comfort them like I had. God transformed my attitudes, priorities, and my outlook on life through cancer. To this day I will say that cancer was the best thing that has ever happened to me. God disciplined me through cancer so that I could better serve Him. As a result, my faith has reached new levels. I want to help other cancer patients stay positive and realize the absolute truth during the toughest moments of their lives.

Phil Zielke

Give a moment and you'll change a life.

The bottom line of our faith-based charity is to support and bring as many people as possible to Christ and ultimately salvation. Our situation is urgent; people are diagnosed with cancer every day. For those who are sick and are looking for a place to turn, they need the comfort, peace, and joy only God can provide!

Phil's Friends accomplishes this by distributing care packages to cancer patients and their families and then journeying with them per their request. We hold fund-raising events such as our Annual Walk-A-Thon as well as concerts with the likes of Avalon, 33 Miles and Mark Schultz. We are also establishing national chapters to help cancer patients and their families across the country.

Unfortunately, there are many people who are losing their battles daily and a lot of them have never been reached. I know it is God's will for us to help them. If God puts it on your heart to help Phil's Friends, please contact us today. We're fighting an uphill battle. Wherever God leads our efforts, we will follow.



Partnering with Phil's Friends

You can fill out this form and drop it in the mail or fill it out on our web site...www.philsfriends.org.

Contact Information:

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Home congregation and city/state: _____

____ I would like to sponsor a care package:

_____ \$50 for one care package

_____ \$100 for two care packages

_____ Other donation _____

____ Please send the following person a care package.

Name and full address: _____

This person is a:

_____ child _____ teenager

_____ man _____ woman

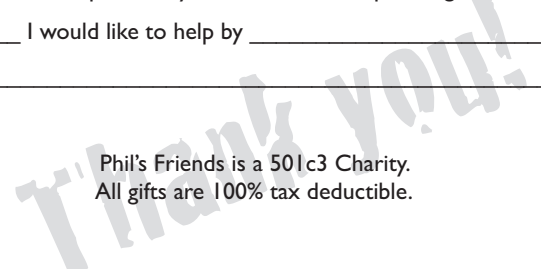
____ Add me to your cancer prayer list.

____ Add me to your monthly email newsletter.

____ Send me information about starting a Phil's Friends Chapter at my church/school/hospital/organization.

____ I would like to help by _____

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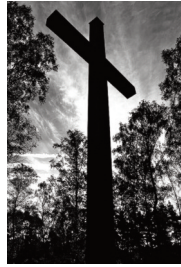
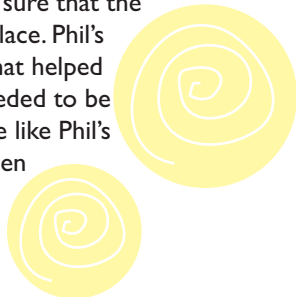




One example of how God has worked through Phil's Friends this year is in the life of a care package recipient.

"My father had not been feeling well for some time. After seeing doctors in Brazil and Florida, it was determined that he had cancer, and that there wasn't much time left for him on earth. My sister-in-law and I went to Florida to see my father for the last time. I brought a Phil's Friend's package with to give to my dad. I went through the items with my father and he had a lot of questions. We explained what each item was and what it meant. That Saturday, my dad decided to go to church the next morning. Near the end of the church service, the pastor asked people to come forward if they wanted to make a public profession of accepting Christ. My father raised his hand and went forward. In the church, there was a big baptismal pool where people were being baptized, but instead, my father decided that he wanted to be baptized in the Gulf of Mexico. So, he went out into the Gulf of Mexico and was baptized.

The care package was the final piece for my dad. Sometimes it takes that one last piece to put the final brick in the wall to become a Christian. The Holy Spirit is constantly tugging at us, and the devil is constantly trying to make sure that the final brick doesn't get into place. Phil's Friends was the last piece that helped my father realize that he needed to be saved. The fact that someone like Phil's Friends would reach out when they don't even know you means a lot."



Phil's Friends is a Christian Cancer Foundation that seeks to support, educate, and above all, help direct others to faith in the one true Savior, Jesus Christ. The organization brings the Gospel message to patients, families and friends affected by cancer. Phil's Friends seeks to help others by distributing messages of hope and comfort rooted in the Gospel. Please join Phil's Friends in pointing cancer patients heavenward to Christ Jesus.

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"I can do all things
through Christ who
strengthens me."

Philippians 4:13

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