



phil's friends

we bring hope

Dear Friends,

December 31, 2016

Thank you for saying **YES** and bringing hope to cancer patients through Phil's Friends in 2016. Your generosity allowed cancer patients to receive support and encouragement from someone who understands the journey. Your **YES** sent out comforting care packages, weekly cards of encouragement and met patients in a fight for life inside the hospital. Most importantly your **YES** let patients know they are not alone and loved by God.

Here are a few highlights:

- Sent nearly half a million cards to cancer patients
- Sent nearly 500 care packages a month
- Engaged 7,000 volunteers of all ages at the Hope Center in Illinois
- Expanded to three floors at Northwestern Hospital
- Started hospital program at Rush University Medical Center
- Partnered with DePaul University Master's in Nursing Program
- Established a formal hospital training program for volunteers

With your help we can double our outreach in 2017. The reality is, even with doubling our outreach there are millions of cancer patients who still need hope. But together, I'd sure like to try!

Your **YES** in 2017 will enable Phil's Friends to start a 2nd Hope Center in NW Indiana to engage thousands more volunteers, expand to University of Chicago Hospitals, Loyola Hospitals and Amita Health! Most importantly your **YES** will give hope to cancer patients and let them know they are not alone.

In Hope,

Phil J. Zielke
Founder & President of Phil's Friends