

Taking Care of the Body and Soul of Cancer Patients

Hope of Christ for Cancer Patients • Phil's Friends — \$70,000

Leader: The mission of Phil's Friends is to introduce and strengthen relationships with Christ by providing faith-based hope to those with cancer. Phil's Friends' team and volunteers provide practical, emotional, and spiritual support through care packages and cards of encouragement. Over a 12-month period close to 6,000 packages and 40,000 Cards of Hope will be sent.

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Leader: One cancer patient said, "I received my care package and first card when I started radiation therapy. It was as if the angels had sent it to me. I remember thinking "how much someone loved me" to send this to me."

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Leader: Another patient said, "I was so pleased to receive all the cards and packages. I was so frightened, and your cards gave me courage. I am so much better now. I appreciated everyone who thought about me."

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Leader: Lord, we give thanks for the work of Phil's Friends, and we ask Your blessing on the mission grant that will provide funds for the continuation of this ministry. May this ministry continue to give hope and encouragement to those suffering from cancer and to their families. Help us all to reach out to those suffering illness around us with the comforting hope one receives through the love of Christ. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

