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Mission Grant Bulletin Bytes

#3 Cancer Care Packages – Phil’s Friends \$50,000

Since 2006 care packages and cards have been prepared by an army of volunteers for Phil’s Friends. Phil Zielke was diagnosed with Hodgkin’s lymphoma in 2004. After receiving aggressive chemotherapy he showed no signs of cancer, however, in 2005, once again the cancer returned. During his journey Phil often felt alone so friends prepared a care package with much needed items. He also received cards on a weekly basis to let Phil know that he was lifted up in prayer. As dark and as challenging as the journey Phil was going through, something hopeful and positive was birthed. Today thousands of patients with cancer receive care packages, weekly cards of hope and prayers--all for free. This grant, Cancer Care Packages - Phil’s Friends, for \$50,000 will be funded by the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League.

Cancer Care Packages - Phil’s Friends, is a \$50,000 grant that was voted on at the LWML convention in Des Moines in June 2015. For cancer patients, Phil’s Friends provides free care packages, weekly cards and prayer at a time when they are feeling alone and overwhelmed on their journey. Providing hope, comfort and encouragement are what the volunteers at Phil’s Friends provide in homes and hospitals throughout the United States.

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Phil’s Friends provides free care packages, weekly cards, and prayer to those suffering cancer. Due to the support Phil Zielke, the founder, received while he underwent cancer treatment twice he wished to share this comfort with other cancer patients. Read more at: *(LWML web address for the articles)*