

# FAITH THROUGH FIRE

## FALL REPORT



SIMONE, KRISTI, LEANNA, CHRIS, ANASTASIA, JOANIE

# 2022

## A LETTER FROM OUR

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## CEO/FOUNDER



Dear Cherished Friends,

Wow, what a year! When I reflect upon the work we've been able to accomplish together I'm absolutely amazed.

A year ago we were breaking ground on our respite house at Innsbrook Resort in Innsbrook MO. Seven months later (in May this year) we unveiled our beautiful House of Hope. You have been changing lives by sending a patient and their family every week since. This project is an example of what can happen when just a handful of people come together with intent to improve their community and provide support to those who are struggling.

Can you imagine what we are going to accomplish as more and more people like me and you step in to alleviate the suffering of those afflicted by breast cancer? I can and I'm excited! Cancer is just as much an emotional battle as it is a physical battle and yet all our focus tends to be on the physical disease. Faith Through Fire serves as a reminder we are not a disease but rather a soul whose needs expand beyond the physical.

We have a big vision in 2023 which cannot be realized without you. Let's get started!

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beth". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Beth Wilmes  
CEO/Founder

# OUR STORY SO FAR

## OUR MISSION & VISION

Faith Through Fire holds space for men and women to heal emotionally from the trauma of breast cancer. Our vision is to see those diagnosed with breast cancer reclaim their lives so they and their families can be restored. Our Mission is to reduce the fear and anxiety breast cancer patients feel and replace it with hope and a path toward thriving.

## BENEFICIARY PROFILE

Patients come to us feeling shock, fear and isolation. A survivor impacted by Faith Through Fire becomes better not bitter and is:

- **Self-aware**- knows there is room for personal growth.
- **Multi-dimensional**- understands they are not a disease but a soul whose needs expand beyond the physical
- **Motivated**- resourceful and ready for help.
- **Determined**- to restore their lives and to delight in family again to positively impact future generations.
- **Resilient**- acknowledges breast cancer is difficult but refuses to let it define them.
- **Committed**- to using their experience to help others.

## BI- DIRECTIONAL IMPACT

Frequently survivors volunteer to mentor because they want to alleviate the emotional suffering felt by the newly diagnosed. What they don't anticipate is in doing so, they bring purpose and healing to their own journey- even years after diagnosis.

Through loss survivors learn to value life and love is all that matters. By supporting this program, you are doubling your impact and improving mental health for both the mentor and mentee.

EVERY

2 Minutes

Someone is  
diagnosed  
with breast  
cancer

# YOU ARE PROVIDING SUPPORT EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

Faith Through Fire is funded by a network of individuals and a handful of small corporate grants. Your support provides each individual diagnosed with breast cancer with:

- Mentorship from a thriving survivor
- Access to other non-profits that can meet their individualized needs
- Small encouraging gifts at pivotal moments in their journey
- Fear Less E-book to help them navigate treatment easier
- Build-A-Bears for children impacted by breast cancer as a tangible source of emotional support.
- Referrals to mental health providers who specialize in oncology patients.
- A podcast hosted by two young survivors to reduce isolation.
- A private online community of survivors with access to courses and quarterly events.
- The opportunity to experience healing at the Faith Through Fire Respite House

“Being diagnosed with breast cancer felt like being dropped in a war zone. I don't know how I would have found my way home again without Faith Through Fire

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SURVIVOR MENTORS ONBOARDED



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NEWLY DIAGNOSED PATIENTS MENTORED

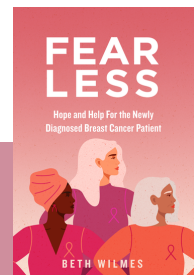
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KIDS RECEIVED BEARS



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PATIENTS RECEIVED FEAR LESS RESOURCE



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PATIENTS RECEIVED RESPITE CARE

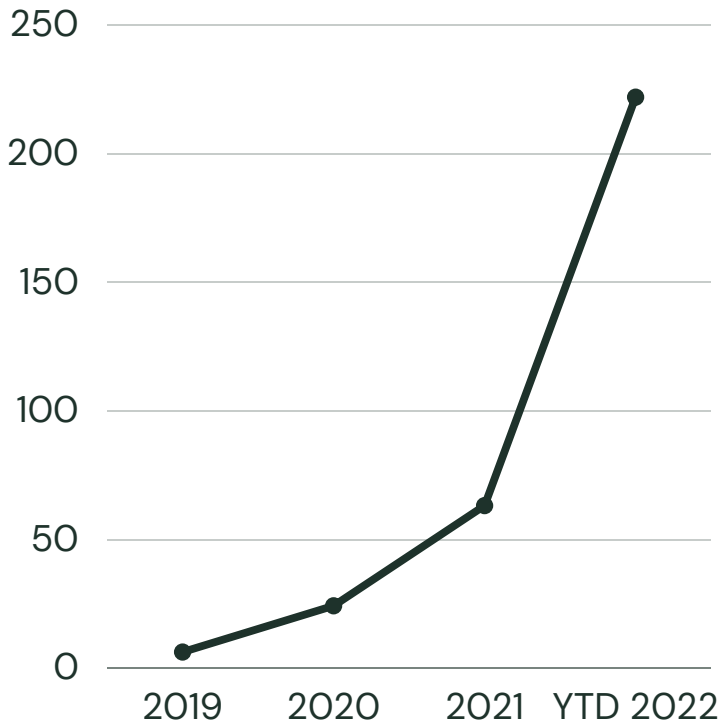
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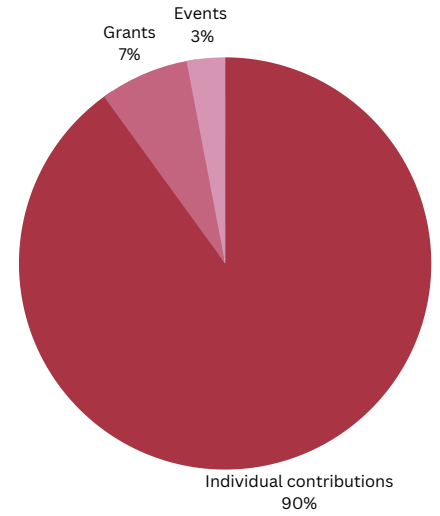


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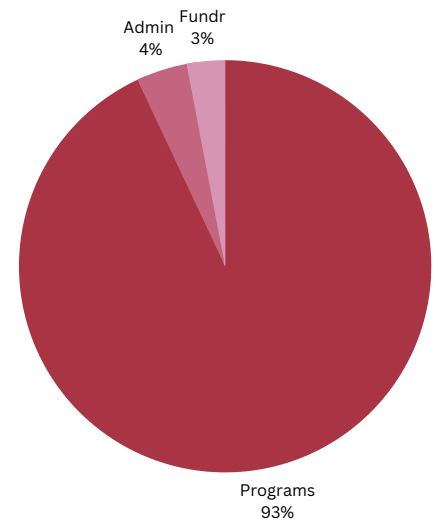
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## REVENUES



## EXPENSES



**RESPIRE HOUSE \$585,565**

GOAL

ACTUAL TO DATE

100K per year toward permanent ownership

\$66,000



# FUTURE FOCUS

All patients who come to us show symptoms of being traumatized. However, mental health often takes a backseat in the treatment process. This is what makes our work so important. In 2023 Faith Through Fire has two aims- to reduce distress and provide a path toward post-traumatic growth. With your help we intend to:

- Provide more personalized care to our beneficiaries via a custom intake form to identify their current mental state, needs, expectations for the program and existing support systems.
- Provide trauma education to both oncology providers and breast cancer patients to improve whole-person care and empower patients to prioritize their mental health during and after treatment.
- Develop meaningful outcomes and measurement tools that can effectively show our impact.
- Provide more support to men diagnosed with breast cancer via recruitment of more male survivor mentors.
- Identify how we can further prioritize our incurable members by surrounding them with a caring and dependable network of support.



KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR A END OF THE YEAR GIVING OPPORTUNITY. YOU ARE CHANGING LIVES. THANK YOU!