

ABOUT RAY OF HOPE CANCER FOUNDATION

Ray of Hope Cancer Foundation (ROHCF) provides grants to Coloradans undergoing active cancer treatment, without discrimination such as age, gender, or cancer type. There are no restrictions on the use of our grants, allowing recipients to address their most pressing needs, whether it be food, transportation, rent, or other expenses. Funds are given directly to the patient, giving them the autonomy to manage their needs without sharing the sensitive details of their journey.

THE PROBLEM WE WANT TO SOLVE

Cancer-Related Financial Toxicity (CRFT) is a crisis hiding in plain sight. Families fighting cancer are overwhelmed by lost income and increased out-of-pocket costs associated with treatment. As a result, they face higher mortality rates, the inability to adhere to their treatment plans, and bankruptcy.



73% of adult patients will experience some form of CRFT



Patients who file for bankruptcy have a 79% greater risk of early mortality

BANKRUPTCY
2.65X
MORE LIKELY

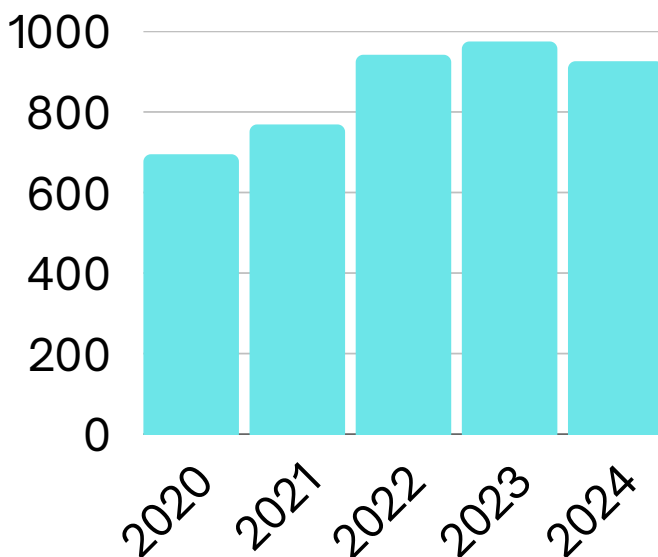
Adult cancer patients are 2.65x more likely to file for bankruptcy



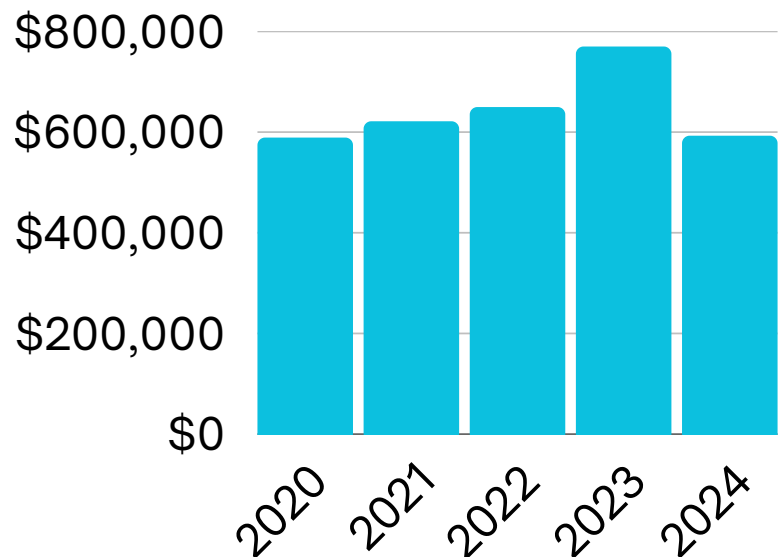
42% of insured cancer patients reported a significant or catastrophic financial burden

OUR YEAR-OVER-YEAR IMPACT

PATIENTS SUPPORTED



GRANTS PROVIDED



2024 RAY OF HOPE IMPACT REPORT

\$625,330

IN FINANCIAL
ASSISTANCE PROVIDED

926

COLORADO CANCER
PATIENTS FUNDED

45/64

COLORADO COUNTIES
SERVED

APPLICATION STATISTICS

In 2024 Ray of Hope received **1,228 applications** and was able to award **926 patients**, meaning **75% of patients who applied received financial assistance**.

86% of patients who were awarded qualified as low income in 2024, earning 200% or less of the federal poverty line. This is a 5% increase from 81% in 2023.

HIGHEST NEEDS OF OUR PATIENTS

Here are the top needs of our patients, ranked in order of importance as indicated on their applications:



HOUSING

486 patients



UTILITIES

313 patients



FOOD

261 patients

2024 GRANTEE DEMOGRAPHICS



ETHNICITY

38% White
24% Latin X
7% African American
4% Other
27% Did not provide



CANCERS TREATED

29% Breast Cancer
6% Colon Cancer
6% Lung Cancer
4% Leukemia
4% Prostate
51% Other



AGE GROUPS

2% Pediatric
16% Young Adult
45% Adult
37% Geriatric



GENDER

59% Female
32% Male
9% Other



COUNTY:

Denver:
18%

El Paso:
11%

Weld:
11%

Arapahoe:
11%

Other:
49%

MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

At ROHCF we want to raise awareness around the challenges and mental health impacts that happen when someone is diagnosed with cancer. Our Mental Health Support Grant allows cancer patients, family members, and caregivers to receive up to eight sessions of therapy, at no cost to them.

IN 2024 \$56,472 WAS AWARDED TO 63 PATIENTS AND 9 GROUP THERAPY SESSIONS WERE FACILITATED.

OUR IMPACT ON PATIENTS

MARIA, JUNE 2024 GRANT RECIPIENT

Maria was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer that metastasized to her liver, leading to costly treatments and medical expenses. As a retired single parent caring for a son with severe autism, the financial strain was overwhelming. With help from her advocate at the Boulder Cancer Center, Maria connected with Ray of Hope, whose support eased the burden of medical costs, allowing her to focus on her recovery.

"It was through your help that I was able to pay a lot of medical expenses and still provide for my family. I am almost at the end of my cancer journey and I'm very blessed and grateful for all the help I received."

TJ, DECEMBER 2024 GRANT RECIPIENT

TJ, a USAF veteran and retired USPS worker, was diagnosed with Sarcoidosis and later stage 4 metastatic cancer, placing immense financial and emotional strain on his family. A grant from Ray of Hope arrived at a crucial time, helping cover essential expenses and allowing the family to focus on TJ's treatments. For them, it symbolized both financial relief and a supportive community in a time of great need.

"This grant has been more than just financial aid; it has been a lifeline, reminding us that we are not alone in this journey. Your kindness, compassion, and generosity have made a profound impact on our lives, and for that, we are eternally grateful."

