"I thought
I was going to be in this alone,
but I was wrong."
- Margaret

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Impact Report

Imagine the emotion that sets in when someone hears the words, "You have cancer."

Panic. Fear. Worry. Now, add in the financial burden that can accompany that diagnosis, on top of everyday expenses – travelling to appointments, parking, and medications – all while a patient may no longer have a regular income.

For many in Newfoundland and Labrador, that stress is a reality. Cancer is a huge strain on their finances.

With your help, the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Care Foundation's Patient and Family Support Fund, completely funded by your donations, is there to help our most financial challenged cancer patients and their families.

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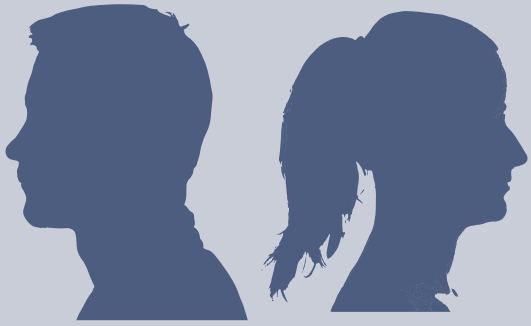
IMPACT REPORT

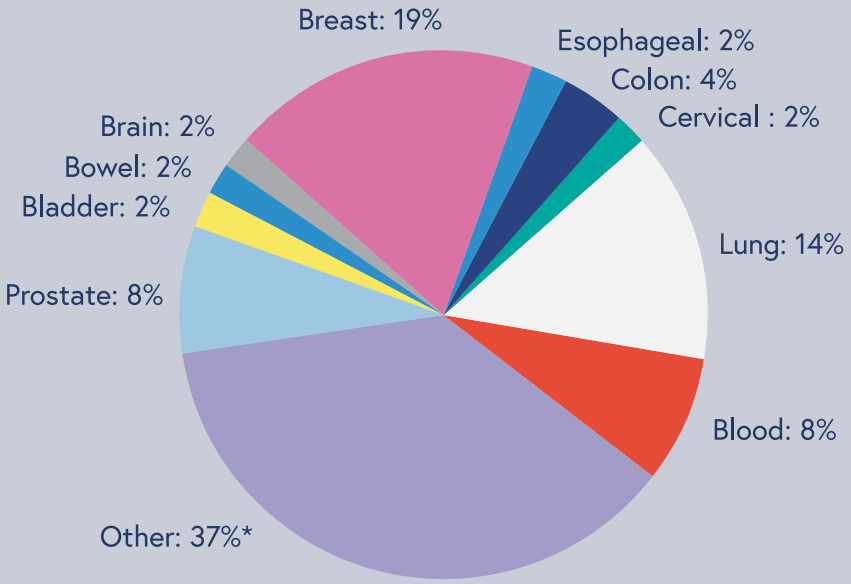
950 cancer patients from our province have been assisted by the **Patient and Family Support Fund** from April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2019.



47% Male

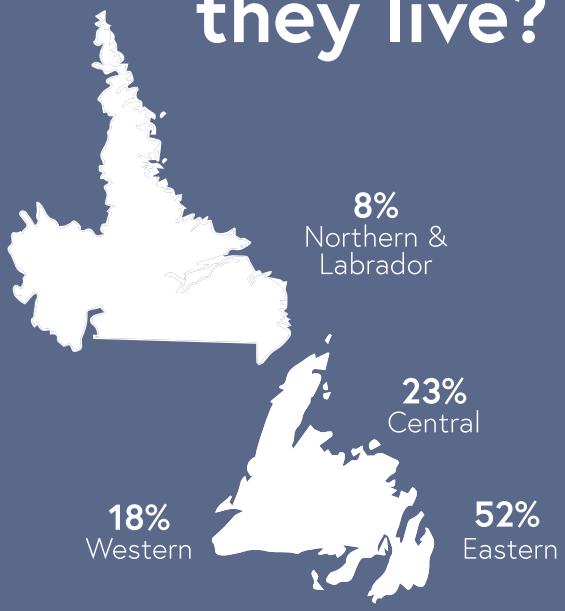
53% Female

What Type of Cancer Do They Have?



** Comprised of 48 different cancers with small individual patient numbers .*

Where do they live?



CASH	FOOD	GAS	BUS	OTHER**
$249,502	$14,200	$1,900	$400	$9,884

Amounts are rounded up to the nearest dollar. There may be some small adjustment in actual amounts as sometimes invoices have not been received by the reporting period.

**Other category includes prosthesis and compression garments.

These patients have an average bi-weekly household income of

$882.00

Due to increased expenses, they have an average bi-weekly income shortfall of

-$150.00

“ It was a great relief to receive your gift and help towards my transportation cost for my radiation treatment. As a widow, on a low fixed income, there is little room for extra expenses in my budget. Thank you for your kind help. ”

- Sandra

“ On Thursday morning, I was working. On Friday, I was off on sick leave. I am the only income earner in my household. Thank you - keep doing what you do. ”

- Twila

“ I can’t explain what this money has meant to me and my family. With only my husband working and the many, many trips it has been quite difficult to have even gas money. ”

- Patricia

“ I was out two jobs. So this money will get me to my treatments.”

- Sharon

All quotes in this report are taken directly from Patient and Family Support Fund applications from cancer patients in Newfoundland and Labrador facing financial difficulty as a result of their diagnosis.

How can you help?

The Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Care Foundation invests almost $200,000 each year to ease the financial burden as much as possible for cancer patients, but this number is expected to continue to increase.

Patients can apply for support based on financial need for:

- travel, accommodation and meal costs
- interim support for critical short-term needs, such as groceries
- mortgage payments or rent
- other critical needs as determined by social workers in cancer care.

Contact the Foundation Office at 777-7589 or online to make a donation at **www.cancercarefoundation.ca**