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## *Patient & Family Support Fund*

# 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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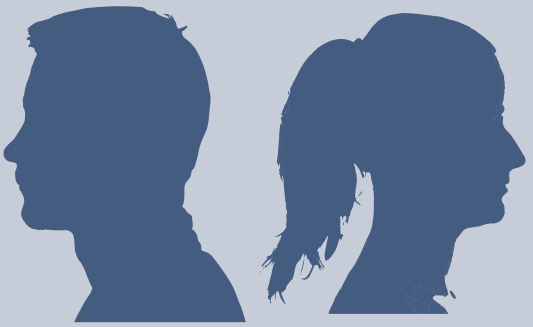
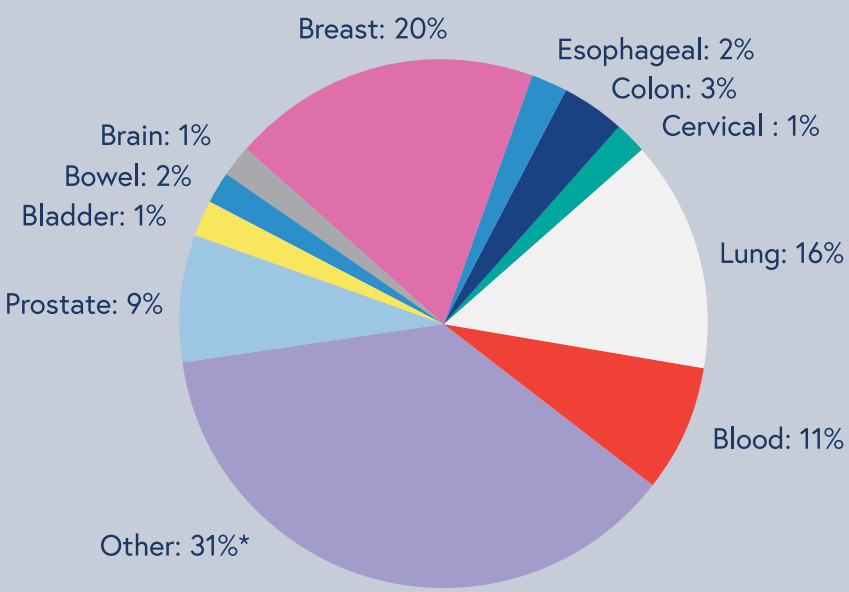
**1,116** cancer patients from our province have been assisted by the **Patient and Family Support Fund** from April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2020.



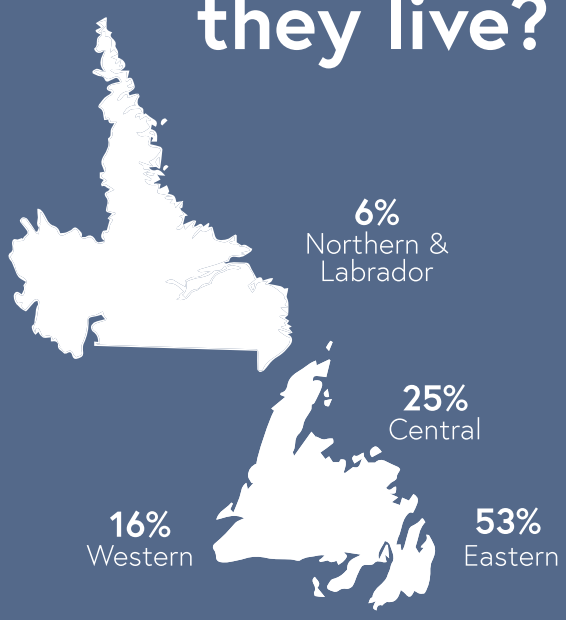
**45%** Male **55%** Female

## 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** |
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| $283,752 | $10,855 | $1,500 | $69 | $8,908 |

These patients have an average bi-weekly household income of

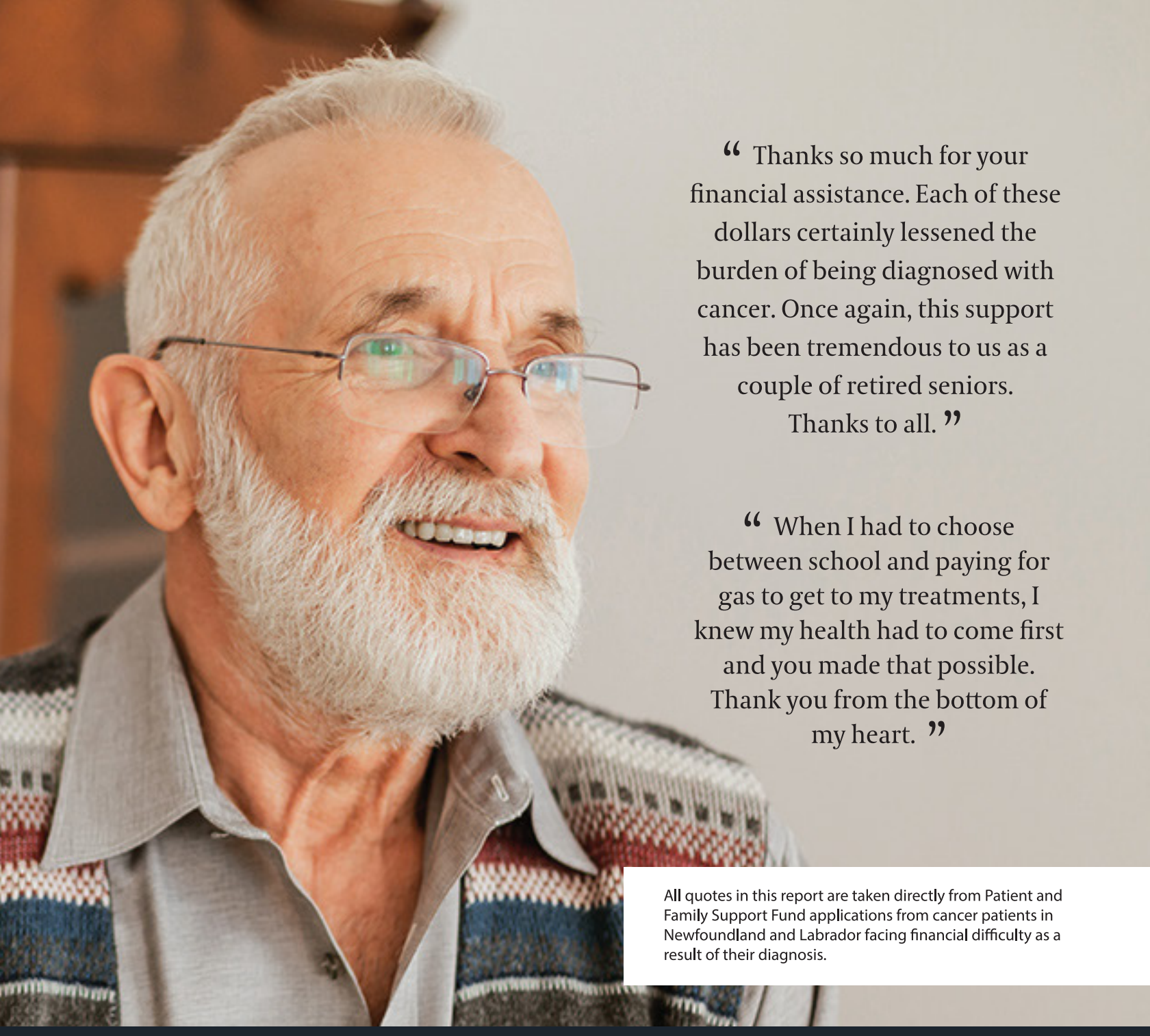
**$930.57**

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

**-$169.24**

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.



> “ Thanks so much for your financial assistance. Each of these dollars certainly lessened the burden of being diagnosed with cancer. Once again, this support has been tremendous to us as a couple of retired seniors. Thanks to all. ”

> “ When I had to choose between school and paying for gas to get to my treatments, I knew my health had to come first and you made that possible. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. ”

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
- other critical needs as determined by social workers in cancer care.

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