



NASHVILLE WINE AUCTION CELEBRATES THEIR BENEFICIARIES WITH END-OF-YEAR CHECKS

*100% of 2023 Grant Requests Fulfilled and
more than \$12k Provided for Patient Gas Cards*

NASHVILLE, TENN. – Dec. 2023 – Nashville Wine Auction is thrilled to announce that all 2023 beneficiary grants were awarded in full. This was shared at a special grant presentation earlier this month, where a group of board members, donors, and staff gathered to present the beneficiaries with this exciting news.

The Nashville Wine Auction exists to unite the wine community to fund the fight against cancer, supporting local non-profit organizations whose purpose is directly related to cutting-edge research, innovative patient treatment, and family/caregiver support.

“We are overwhelmed by the generosity of our wine-loving community,” said **Nashville Wine Auction CEO/President Loren Chumley**. “Their support not only allowed us to fulfill 100% of our beneficiary grant requests this year, but it also allowed us to fulfill additional beneficiary requests, including a joint oncology training initiative for doctors visiting Nashville from Ukraine, which was provided by Tennessee Oncology and Ascension Saint Thomas in conjunction with the Ukraine Peace and Development Foundation.”

This simple end-of-year celebration is a culmination of a year-long effort for the Nashville Wine Auction team and its community. During the presentation, each beneficiary representative took a few moments to share how these funds will impact and further their mission.

“We are beyond grateful for the incredible support of Nashville Wine Auction and the positive impact these funds will make in the lives of cancer survivors,” said **Meg Grunke, Co-Founder of Survivor Fitness Foundation**. “Through this grant, Survivor Fitness is able to serve the growing number of cancer survivors in this community, helping them to regain their health and take back control of their lives.”

“So many moving stories about how these funds help families coping with cancer, expand pioneering cancer research, and deepen community support were shared with us,” said **Christie Wilson, Nashville Wine Auction Board Chair**. “Every year, I am amazed by the unique impact these organizations have on both a local and global scale.”

Due to a successful Giving Tuesday campaign, which included a matching grant from an anonymous donor, Nashville Wine Auction provided more than \$12,000 in gas cards for cancer patients in addition to the grants. A \$50 gas card will be provided to many patients in need through their beneficiaries in the coming year. This allows patients to focus on their healing journey without worrying about the added expense of traveling to Nashville for treatments.

“The generous funds raised through the Nashville Wine Auction will serve as a beacon of hope for patients and caregivers at the American Cancer Society’s Nashville Hope Lodge, providing support for accommodations and resources that empower them on their journey to recovery,” **shared Scott Holmes, Senior Executive Director, ACS Tennessee.** “We appreciate every supporter, as their generosity ensures the Hope Lodge remains a haven for those in the fight against cancer.”

“We are now in the 10th year of our Meals 4 Health and Healing program, providing nutrient-dense meals and nutrition education to people facing cancer and engaging teen and adult volunteers in our Giving Garden and Healing Kitchen. Our work continues to be essential to the health of our community, as anti-inflammatory and immune-boosting foods are vital to healing and a strong immune system,” **said Katharine Ray, Executive Director, Heimerdinger Foundation.** “Support from the Nashville Wine Auction (NWA) makes it possible for us to continue to wrap a caring community around people in our area who are facing a difficult time and to ensure their nutritional security. With this first-time gift, the NWA has joined in the spirit of our work and has strengthened our mission. We are deeply honored to be a recipient of their profound generosity.”

Grant requests were also fulfilled for these organizations:

Ascension Saint Thomas Foundation: Funding supports the Blood Cancer and Cancer Care Respite Program that provides library and laundry resources for patient families, personalized gowns for women in chemotherapy/radiation treatment, and live stream educational classes and demonstrations. Funding also supported a special oncology training initiative for a group of Ukrainian doctors. Ascension Saint Thomas Foundation and Tennessee Oncology hosted and provided state-of-the-art oncology observership training for a team of Ukrainian doctors through a partnership initiative with the Ukraine Peace and Development Foundation.

Gilda’s Club Middle Tennessee: Funding supports program costs providing evidence-based psychosocial cancer support to cancer patients and their families through community, action, and knowledge.

HopeKids, Inc.: Funding supports the HopeDay & HopeCommunity Programs that transform the lives of children with cancer and their families through events, activities, and community support.

Leukemia Lymphoma Society: Funding supports the Dare to Dream Project, which helps fund safer, less toxic, more effective treatment for kids with blood cancer. Funding also supports PearlPoint Nutrition, a program that offers free nutrition education and consultations to patients and caregivers of all cancer types.

Make-A-Wish® Middle Tennessee: Funding ensures that wishes come true for kids facing and fighting a cancer diagnosis, with 25+ wishes granted as of this year.

Nashville General Hospital Foundation: Funding supports the Cancer Survivorship – Video Guide providing low-literacy and ESL patients easy-to-understand material on 14 cancer topics such as follow-up care, cancer tests/treatments, side effects, cancer rehabilitation, eating healthy, fatigue, returning to work, chemo brain, managing pain, and emotional/financial support.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital: Funding supports the “Next 20%: T13” – Translational Immunology and Immunotherapy Initiative. T13 is an inter-departmental collaboration focused on expanding the use of cellular-based cancer immunotherapy as a curative treatment for pediatric solid tumors and brain tumors.

“This is our favorite time of the year,” said **Jim Sloan, Board Treasurer and Chairman of the Nashville Wine Auction Grant Committee**. “I’m thrilled we can support the work of these incredible organizations in a significant way.”

NASHVILLE WINE AUCTION BENEFICIARIES

American Cancer Society's Hope Lodge, Ascension Saint Thomas Foundation, Gilda's Club Middle Tennessee, The Heimerdinger Foundation, HopeKids, Inc., Leukemia Lymphoma Society, Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Middle Tennessee, PearlPoint Nutrition Services, Survivor Fitness Foundation, Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center, and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

ABOUT THE NASHVILLE WINE AUCTION

Nashville Wine Auction's mission is to unite the wine community to fund the fight against cancer. In 2024, Nashville Wine Auction will celebrate **Pairings: Nashville's Ultimate Wine and Food Weekend** on February 22-24, 2024, and the **45th Annual l'Été du Vin** on July 25-27, 2024, at JW Marriott. Established in 1980, the Nashville Wine Auction has raised more than \$36 million for organizations whose purpose is directly related to cutting-edge research, innovative treatment, and family/patient/caregiver support. www.NashvilleWineAuction.com

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