

PROJECT

— 40  31 —

STRENGTHENING END-OF-LIFE STORIES

2023

ANNUAL REPORT



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Service Areas

Service Area	Sum of Payment Amount	Unique Patient Count
Funding for Families	\$100,805.66	129
Fulfilling Dreams	\$21,955.30	35
Total	\$122,760.96	163



Funding for Families

Project 4031 provides financial assistance to terminally ill children and adults following a terminal diagnosis.

129
Patients Served



Fulfilling Dreams

Project 4031 works with families to make last dreams come true for terminally ill people of all ages.

35
Patients Served

Funding for Families Recipient



There are few times when you witness something so pure, and so beautiful." Project 4031 was introduced to Olivia and her family in the last month of her life. Due to surgery, her father was not working, and the mortgage was due. Knowing that her earthly time with them was short, both parents wanted to be able to stay by Olivia's side. Project 4031 paid a month of mortgage so the family could pay hospice to support Olivia in her home for the last month of her life. Reflecting on that time, Olivia's mother told us, "We could see God orchestrating the pieces for the hardest thing we've ever had to endure. Project 4031 was a part of that."

The IMPACT Made

\$753.13

Average Cost per Patient

Diversity Served

86 Caucasian	2 Asian	1 American Indian or Alask Native
39 African American	32 Hispanic or Latino	3 Non-Specified

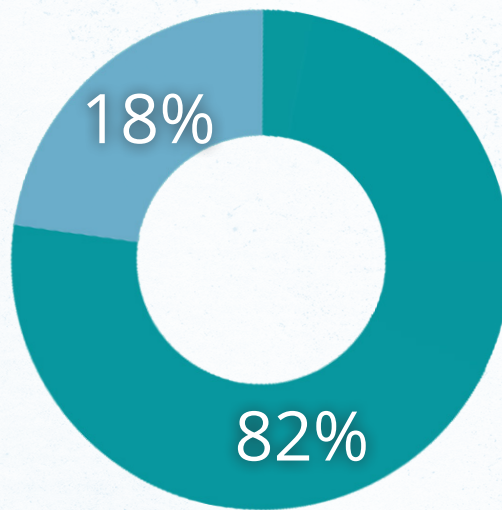
Service Area Breakdown

23
Patients Under the Age of 20 Served

Largest Age Range Served

60-69

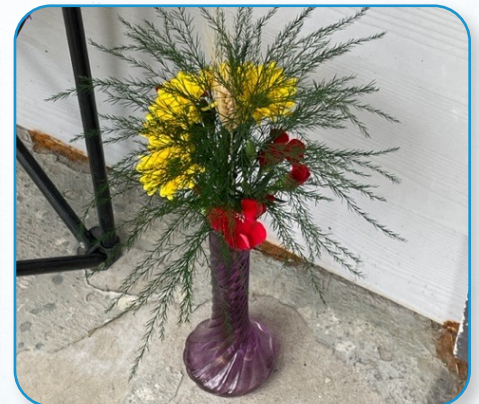
100%
of Patients Served Lived in North Texas



82%
Funding for Families

18%
Fulfilling Dreams

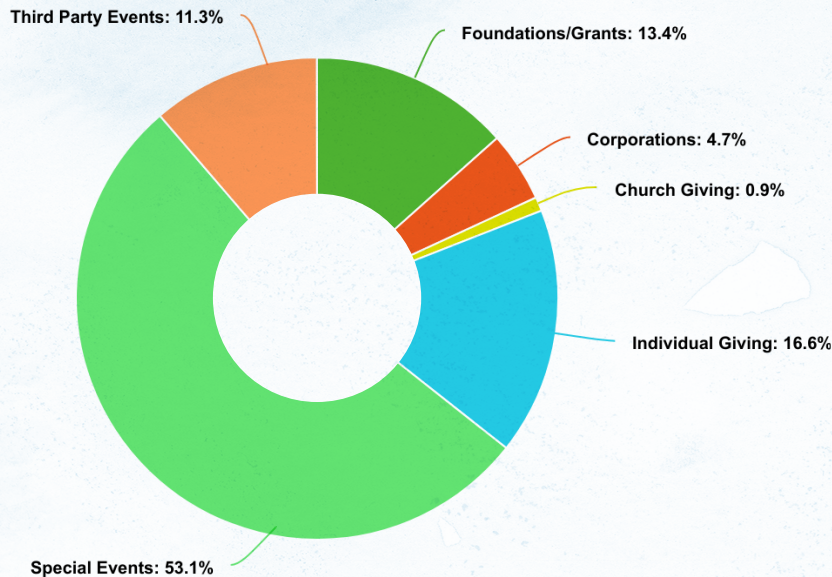
Volunteer Impact



Limiting our service area to North Texas means that we have the opportunity to continue our service to our neighbors through our Wings volunteer program. In 2023, Wings volunteers delivered 677 love offerings of flowers, cookies, blankets, stuffed animals, cards and visits. Thank you to Trader Joe's for partnering with us to create beautiful floral arrangements for our patients!

Funding the Mission

Total Raised - \$507,174.52



\$84,125.51
Individual Giving

\$68,061.42
Foundations and Grants

\$57,252.50
Third Party Events

\$23,869.94
Corporate Giving Donations

\$4,750
Church Giving

\$269,115.15
Special Events

- \$44,633.00 in Kind Donations -

83% of all funding raised goes back into programs.

Fulfilling Dreams Recipient



There are people who give joy to everyone they meet. Melissa is one of those people. Although her illness has robbed her of her mobility and most of her power to speak, she emanates undeniable joy. Melissa quickly won a special place in the hearts of her hospice team, and they began talking with Melissa's mother about a dream. Melissa is an animal lover who is especially fond of rabbits. They thought the thing that would light up Melissa's day would be the opportunity to pet a bunny. We were able to arrange two separate bunny visits to Melissa's home. With the help of her parents, Melissa was able to pet the bunnies. While conversation swirled around her during the visits, Melissa's eyes never left the bunny, and her smile never left her face. Melissa is such a beautiful person, and her dream was so humble.

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Russ' Story

Russ's last day on this earth was Valentine's Day, and fittingly, he spent it with his valentine of 47 years, who spent the day "talking to him, hugging and kissing on him and keeping him comfortable." His wife described that day in this way: "It was everything I hoped it would be for the worst day of our life and the best day for him."

In many ways, Russ was defined by his dedication to his family and to his country. Russ was a proud United States Marine. Described by his daughter as a hero, Russ loved his job in the Marines as a C 130 navigator and had many stories he liked to share with his family and friends about his Marine travels. His favorite place in the world? A toss-up between the cockpit of a C 130 and the beach!

Russ's interests were many and varied. He loved books, hiking in the outdoors, and his pets. Described as interesting and humorous, Russ enjoyed his wife, their children, and their grandchildren.

His wife remembered, "We laughed a lot in our marriage. He was the love of my life." Two of Russ's greatest pleasures were traveling and NASCAR. He and his wife spent many happy days, precious time together, traveling the country in their RV. They often attended Daytona and the Texas Motor Speedway. Those are days and memories his wife looks back on with joy.



The Texas summer of 2022 was brutal, with day after day of temperatures in the 100s. As a result, the utility bills were high at the same time that the family wanted to focus on Russ. Project 4031 was able to pay the family's electricity and water bills and offer Russ and his family a little relief. His wife said, "Thank you so much for your financial assistance and support. You are a blessing to many families!" We are proud to have had the opportunity to serve Russ, a man who committed so much of himself to serving our country well.

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Mauie's Story



Maude Grant was a woman who believed in and cherished God's power and taught her family not to worry about the things we have no control over. But, listening to her grandson describe his indomitable grandmother, it becomes clear that there wasn't much that Maude didn't have control over. At 19 she moved her family from Shreveport to Dallas to find work to support and raise her ten younger siblings. She worked hard and loved well. When her grandson Jamyron was eight years old, he came to live with his grandmother who raised him and his sister. Maude taught them about appreciating life, loving and cherishing the moment. She taught them the importance of structure and that appearance makes a difference, and every Sunday morning, she would iron their clothes for the following week. She taught Jamyron that while as a man he would have to work, he should cherish his family, not money, a lesson he is now passing on to his own children.

When Maude entered the room, she filled it with energy. She was a grandmother to everyone she encountered there. At a family gathering after Maude died, the lights in the room flickered the whole time the family gathered, stopping when the party ended. Maude's

presence was like that in life. She was a woman of great strength who loved by doing, and Jamyron said it was difficult even in the last months of her life to get her to rest because she wanted to cook and care for her family to her end.

In the last three months of Maude's life, her grandchildren committed to making her comfortable by catering to her every need. They quit their jobs to give back to the grandmother who had dedicated herself to them. This caused financial stress, and Jamyron says, "we were suffering in silence and then organizations like yours came and put the foot in the door to help us." Project 4031 was able to help in a small way by paying their utility bill. As a result of such assistance, Jamyron and his sister were able to keep Maude close and give her a beautiful, well-cared-for end of life.

When Maude died, Jamyron told us he was at a loss. As she lay in his arms, his concern was with how they would be able to pay to bury her. He went to the funeral home, feeling desperate, only to be told that Maude, without anyone knowing, had purchased her plot and planned her funeral 30 years before. Jamyron recognized the power of God reflected in the power of his amazing grandmother. Maude was still taking care of them, even after her death. At Project 4031, we are profoundly privileged to have shared a small moment in the life of this amazing woman and grandmother.



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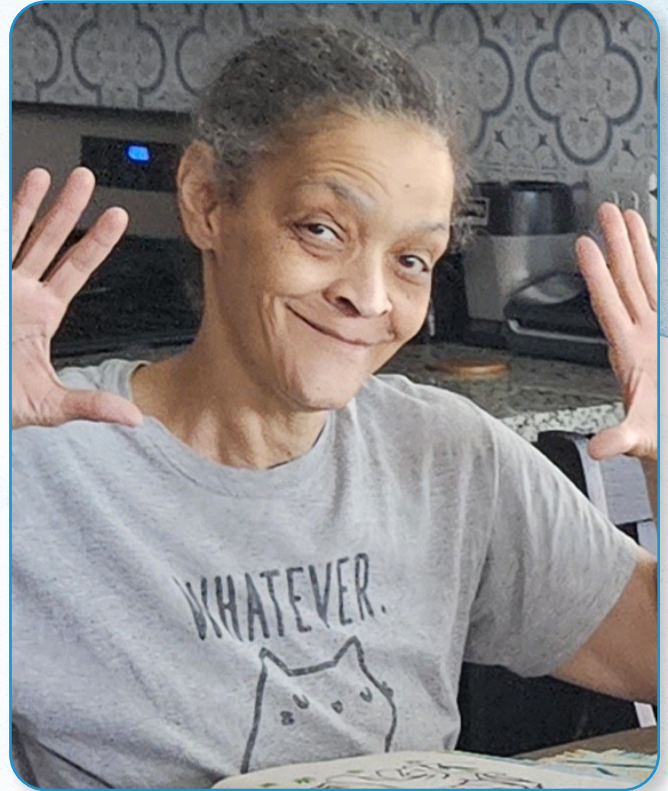
Carla's Story

Carla lives with her loving daughter Shaunti. Our volunteers have had the pleasure to get to meet them both when they deliver weekly Wings gifts and say hello. Shaunti said both she and her mom feel blessed by these gifts. Shaunti describes her mom as “a selfless God-fearing woman with a big heart,” and our volunteers agree. Their house is one of the favorite stops on our volunteer delivery route! Carla is a woman of varied interests who enjoys crocheting blankets and watching sports. A shopping date? Absolutely! An opportunity for a mani/pedi with her daughter? A joy!

When Carla got too sick to be left alone, Shaunti quit her job to stay with her mother. Although this time together is precious to them both, it did put a financial strain on the family. Shaunti was facing the threat of foreclosure when her hospice social worker introduced her to Project 4031. We were able to contribute to her mortgage and keep the family in their home. Shaunti said, “Project 4031 helped my family save our home. Words can’t even describe how grateful we have been for everything they have done for our family.”

Favorite memories for mother and daughter are of times spent in church. And Carla’s greatest joy is to see all of her children together. Despite the hardship of Carla’s illness, it has drawn her children

closer to one another and truly made their time together precious. Faith and family unite to make Carla, noted for her kindness and unconditional love, the woman that she is. Shaunti described Project 4031 as a “true godsend of an organization,” and at Project 4031, we recognize that the blessing of this relationship goes both ways.



"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not
grow weary; they will walk and not be faint."

-Isaiah 40:31



Thank you

Since 2011, Project 4031 has had the honor of making an impact in the lives of over 1,000 terminally ill children and adults and their families. Thank you for allowing us to serve our community in this capacity. Your generosity of time, treasures, and partnerships will allow us to continue striving to meet the needs of the end-of-life community.

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