

2014 Report to Donors, Volunteers & Referral Partners

Our Mission

Our mission is to provide care and support to families affected by cancer. We recognize that a cancer diagnosis affects every aspect of a family's life: emotional, physical, spiritual and financial. We strive to provide each family with the resources and services that are needed to give them a bit of "breathing room", a break from their daily struggle with cancer. It is our hope that this will give each recipient and his or her family the ability to concentrate their efforts on regaining their health.



**Breathing Room
Foundation**

For Families Affected by Cancer

Introduction

At the Breathing Room Foundation we try to say “thank you” to our donors, volunteers and referral partners as often as possible. Without you our work could not exist. It is the remarkable integration of caring and generous neighbors meeting the needs of families dealing with cancer that makes our efforts and deeds so special. Through this report, I trust that you will share in our pride, be encouraged to continue your support and perhaps invite others to join this important cause.

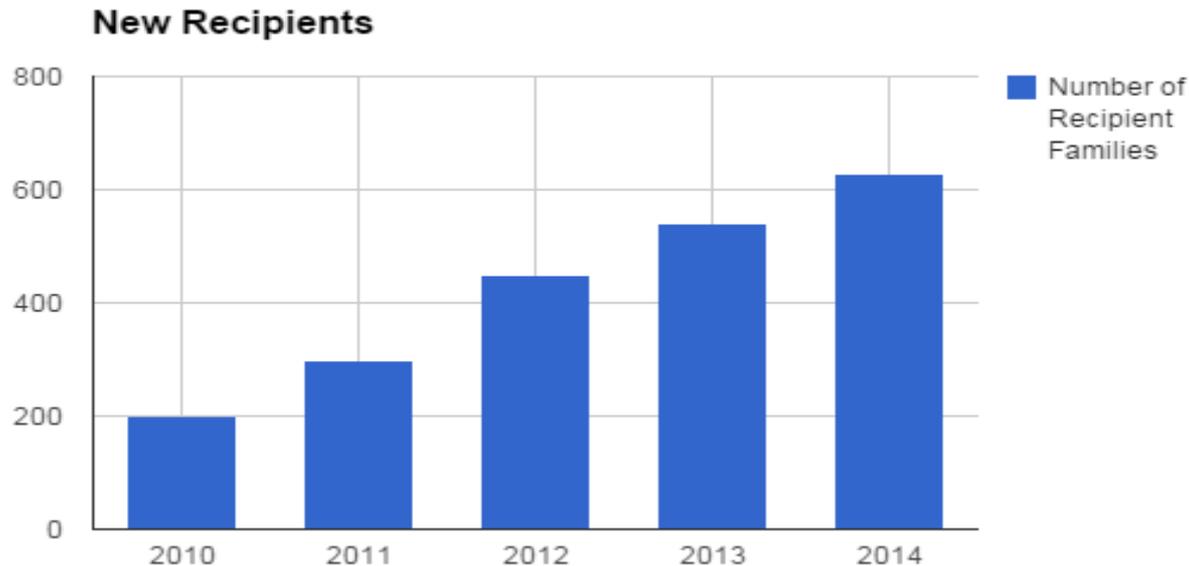
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Summary

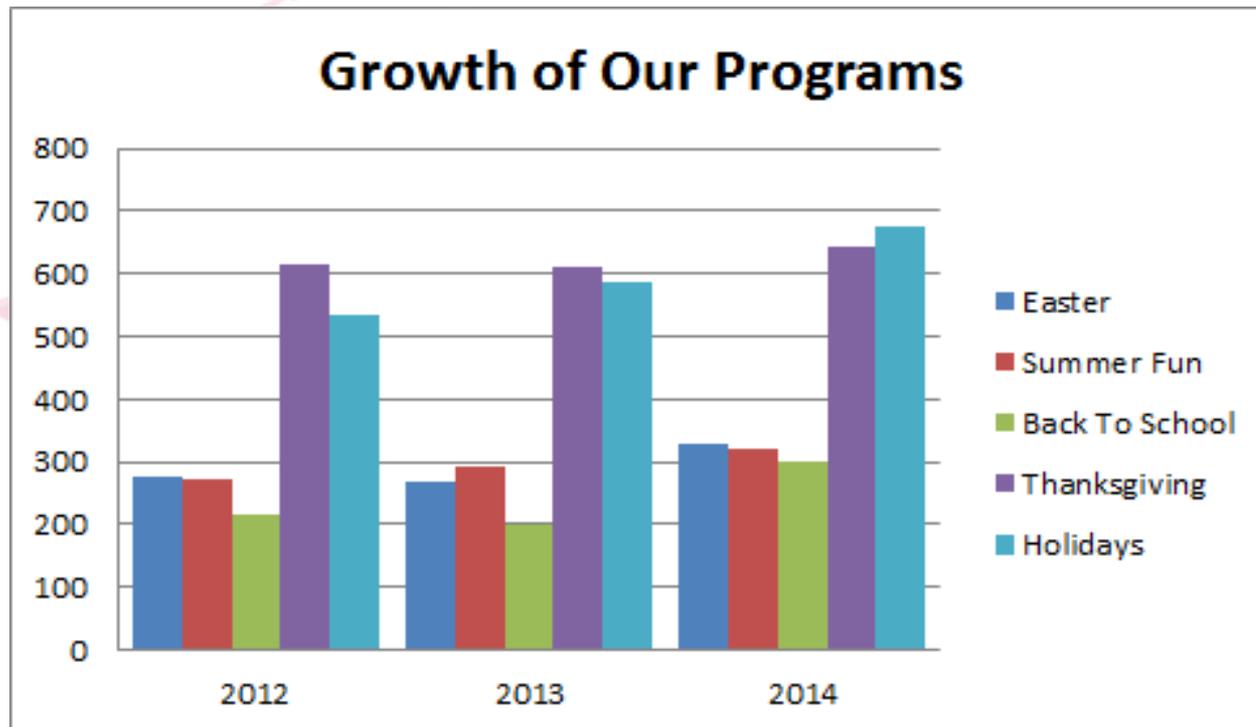
A total of 628 families were nominated to the Breathing Room Foundation for support in 2014, an increase of 14%. Our foundation supports individuals of every age and with any type of cancer. Our recipients reside throughout Philadelphia county and in parts of Bucks, Montgomery, Chester and Delaware Counties



2014 Family Programs

The Breathing Room recognizes that a cancer diagnosis affects every aspect of a family's life: emotional, physical, spiritual, and financial. It is our hope that our support will allow them to concentrate all of their efforts toward regaining their physical health.

The success of our programs is determined by the generosity of our donors and the work of our volunteers. Because of you, we have experienced steady growth in all of our programs, making a great impact on our families, allowing them the comfort of knowing they are not alone.



What Makes Us Unique

It is the variety of services that we offer and the personal attention given to each and every family that sets us apart. In 2014, our recipients received over \$466,000 in goods and services which include but are not limited to:

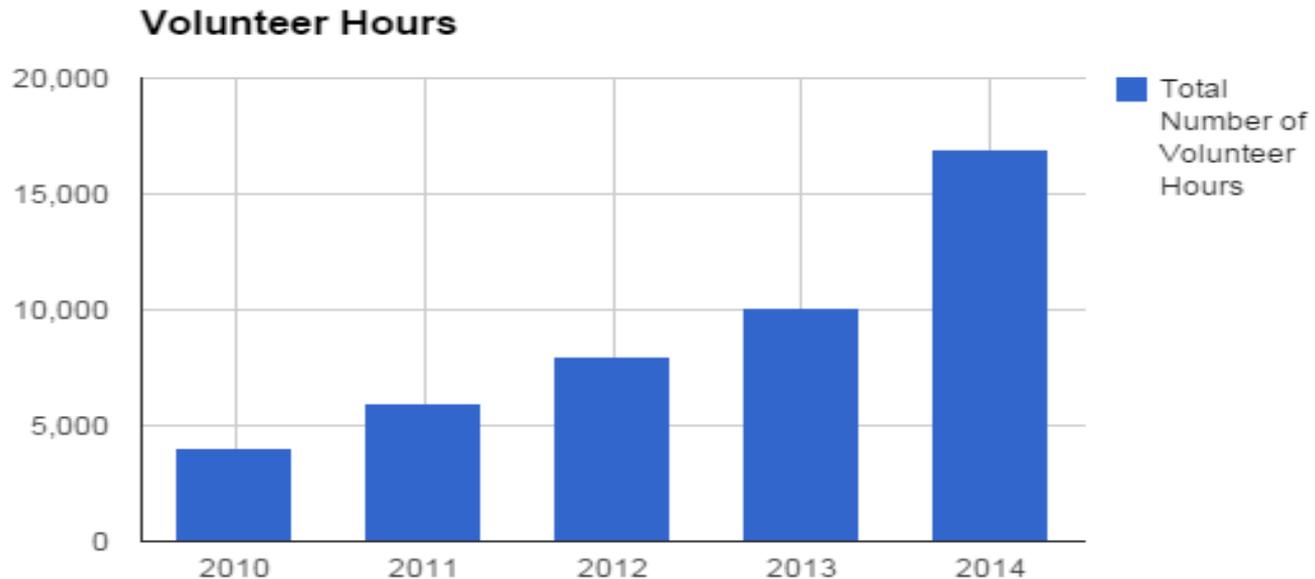
Financial support to assist with medical bills, prescription costs, and related medical needs. Other Financial aid to help with utility bills, rent/mortgage payments, groceries.

Volunteer services to provide home-cooked meals, yard work, transportation, dog walking, companionship, and help with errands.

Programs occurring throughout the year-Valentine's Day, Easter/Passover, Summer Fun, Back to School, Thanksgiving and Winter holidays, Comfort program, and House Cleaning.

Referrals for additional supports.

Volunteers



It is only because of the hard work and dedication of our volunteers that we are able to experience success in making a difference in the lives of those living with cancer. With close to 400 volunteers logging close to 17,000 hours of service in 2014.

Notes of Appreciation from Clients

"I have had an overwhelming outpouring of loving care and kindness since I was diagnosed with lung cancer in March. It's such an awesome reminder of how awesome we can be to one another! When my cousin connected me with the Breathing Room Foundation in November it lightened our lives. Today one of the BRF volunteers dropped off two bags, one of which contained baked treats and the other hand-made Valentine's cards. What a very cool moment I had when I explained to the boys that the treats and cards came from a group of friends who take care of people and their families who have cancer. So cool. Thank you. Thank you. And thank you."

I would like to say a big Thank You to BRF. My family had an awesome time at the Holiday Party. I'm sure it put many smiles on faces. We had an awesome band and choir enlightening us with Holiday music and surely put us in the Spirit. We had food, played bingo, made crafts and not to mention St. Nick came looking for Rudolph but stayed for some request and pictures. I was able to exchange numbers with other survivors. It was a great time of fellowship and fun. Thank you for making this happen BRF love you all. Happy Holidays!!!

I wanted to thank The Breathing Room Foundation for our Thanksgiving Turkey with all and I do mean all the trimmings . I cried when they called me to tell me I would be a recipient . And I'm crying now when writing this . I am touched and thankful more than you'd ever know. Happy Thanksgiving to all of you !!!! And God bless you all!!

Even our volunteers wrote notes: Wow this just made me smile ! Such a wonderful organization and my kids and I enjoyed doing this together for such a beautiful cause! Can't wait to do this again!