



Cocktails & Chemo

Caring for Caregivers

A Year In Review

Dearest friends, donors, cocktail lovers, and most important caregivers,



2020 is almost like a bad word at this point. We just barely got our 2020 Blue Tie Gala in, and then — boom — the world exploded with the pandemic.

Our most vulnerable people were put through trials, unlike anything else. They sent their loved ones into chemo alone, they worried about their medically fragile loved ones at a heightened level, the pay was cut, and hours were eliminated.

Yet, somehow, we survived and found new ways to connect and be there for the caregivers we support through this organization.

Our flexibility and ability to pivot taught us new things and, in many ways, were huge wins for our group. The necessity for virtual events helped us fill a void we'd had for years. It allowed us to reach caregivers from wherever they were, and we had hundreds log in and attend through a link and the comforts of their home to find out they are never alone.

We will take many of these lessons with us into the future and also hope for the day we can all hug each other again.

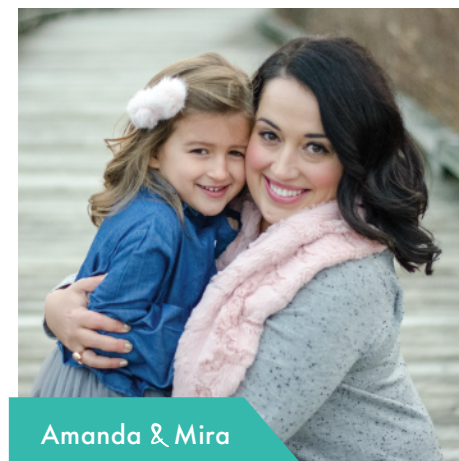
2020 — what a year — enjoy this peek of how we persevered and get ready for the big things we have planned ahead.

As always — live loud, love deep, cry hard, and take more pictures.

xo,

Amanda Clark

Founder of The Cocktails & Chemo Foundation



Amanda & Mira

Events & Giving Campaigns

\$110k

Blue Tie Gala

March 2020

\$1,200

Love Deep/Give Big

October 2020

\$1,110

Peloton Ride

August 2020

\$1,092

Shop Live Loud Swag

2020

\$5,638

Christmas Gifts

December 2020

\$7,741.43

Total 2020 Online Donations

133 Total Donors (19 male, 112 female)

A Christmas Story – Rebecca & Paul

"We were so touched by the generosity of your donors last year in the shadow of losing Rebecca. I'd love to share what C&C has meant to us but will probably need a few days to put that together. The short version of it is that it meant Christmas happening for my kiddos last year when I couldn't even begin to figure out how to face tomorrow, and that during our sadness that there was a chance for happy days ahead again.

C&C has been amazing to us and if I can just share a fraction of it back, I'd be happy to."



What do you wish people knew about being a caregiver?

"There is always something to get done next and even in the exhaustion, it's going to get done. We didn't sign up for this, but we're playing the hand we're dealt. We may turn down social invites or requests to visit, but don't stop trying to include us because we want to be part of things if there's a way to do it. Also, please don't say call if you need anything because most of the time when we realize we need something, it's too late and we're already doing it. Instead, if there is something that someone else can think of to help, offer that specific thing (Hey, can I mow your grass?) it's much easier to say yes to a known than to reach out on an unknown in the future.

#OurTribe Grants

In 2020, #OurTribe granted a total of \$8,894

MN

Stephanie Ford

May - Minnesota.

NC

Amy Hueitt

July - North Carolina.

NY

Kana Spennat

August - New York.

CT

Stephanie and Douglas (active military) Lundy

October - Connecticut.

IN

Courtney Comen

December - Indiana.

Switching Gears: C&C Goes Virtual



The pandemic proved challenging for all, especially those caring for loved ones who are immunocompromised. C&C rose to the occasion and hosted our first-ever virtual event with over 60 caregivers in attendance. Not only did we connect these caregivers in a time where support was much-needed, but each attendee received a gift box to open on the call funded by your donations! Attaching a picture of the event to this email.

Cheers to You Event

August 1st, 2020

- 60 caregivers attended + our board

"It was a moment in my life where I knew there were others dealing with something similar but it didn't matter we were able to laugh and cry together, it was very nice."

"The virtual format was helpful, pandemic or not. The gift box was exciting! And getting to connect with other people who "get it" is also great!"

[I enjoyed] "connecting with other caregivers in order to gain perspective and understand I'm not the only one going through something hard."

Healing Words Workshop

September 10th, 2020

- 30 attended

"It was real and raw. It's hard to find a comfortable place to put your true feelings out there. C&C always makes it a safe place to be real and supportive!"



Blue Tie Gala

March 7, 2020

Our BLUE TIE GALA was a true celebration of the work we've done since 2015. Attendance of more than 400 people filled the room as we aimed to be better friends and support caregivers in our communities.

We HOSTED 30+ caregivers to a night of dancing and LIVING LOUD! Many of these ladies belong to our online support groups and were able to meet in person for the first time thanks to our donors!



LIVING for those we've lost.



We love our supporters!

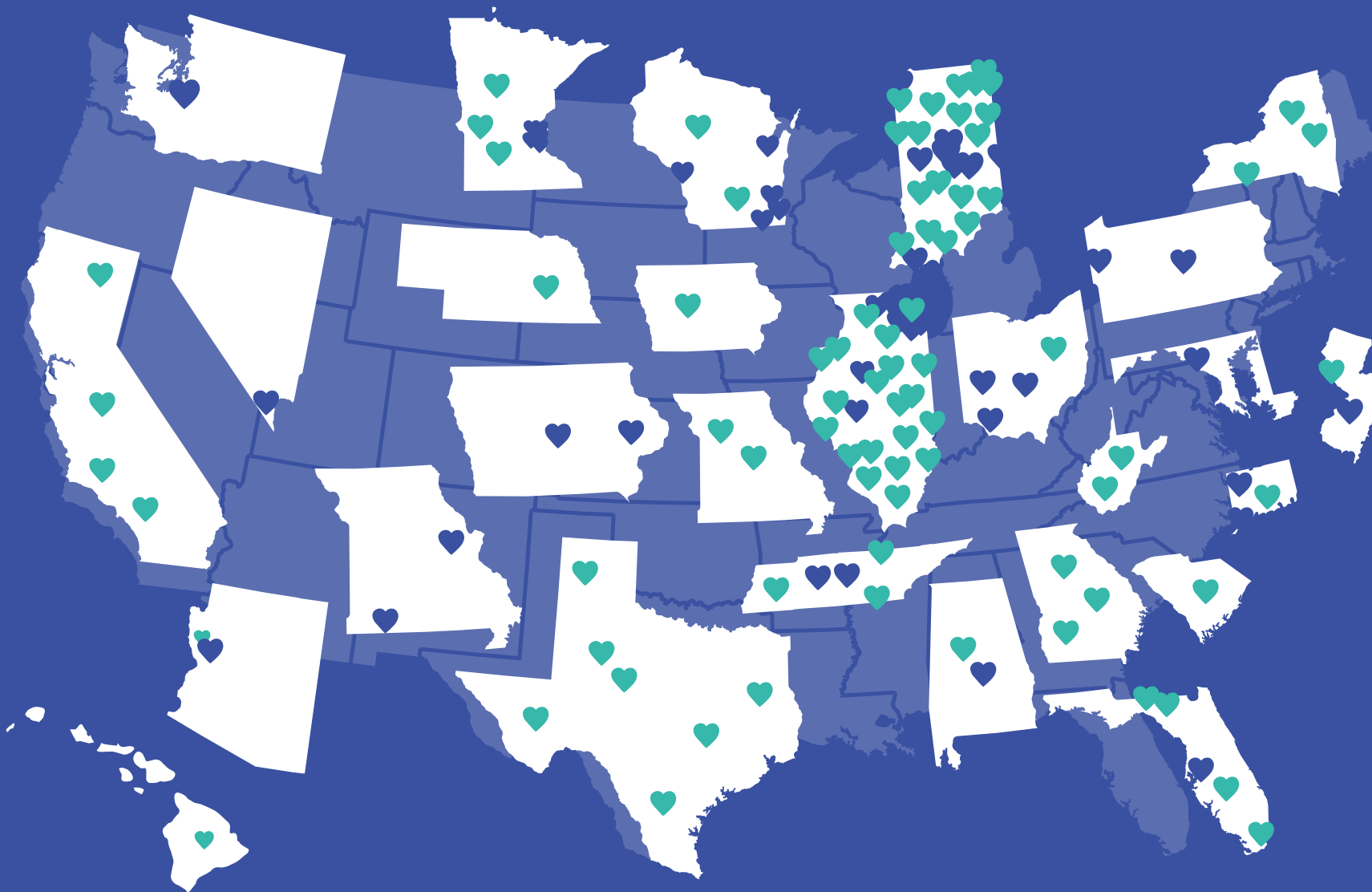
♥ = One caregiver served before 2020

♥ = One caregiver served in 2020

Total number of care
cards sent in 2018: 60

Total number of
funds sent: \$1,500

Cocktails & Chemo Coast to Coast



Batavia, OH
Bayville, NJ
Bellevue, WA
Blaine, MN
Bloomington, IL
Bolingbrook, IL
Burr Ridge, IL
Carmel, IN
Champlin, MN
Chantilly, VA
Chicago, IL
Deerfield, IL
Deltona, FL
DePere, WI
Des Moines, IA
Des Plaines, IL
Elgin, IL
Evansville, IN
Franklin, TN
Greenfield, IN
Greenwood, IN
Harwinton, CT
Hawthorne Woods, IL
Holmen, IA
Huber Heights, OH
Indianapolis, IN
Joliet, IL
Kingman, AZ
Lake Geneva, WI
Lake Villa, IL
Las Vegas, NV
Mequon, WI
Merriam Woods, MO
Milwaukee, WI
Minneapolis, MN
Mount Prospect, IL
Muenster, IN
Murfreesboro, TN
Muscatine, IA
Naperville, IL
New Brighton, MN
Oak Forest, IL
Oak Park, IL
Park Ridge, IL
Peoria, IL
Pickerington, OH
Richmond, IN
Roachdale, IN
Romeoville, IL
Springfield, IL
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