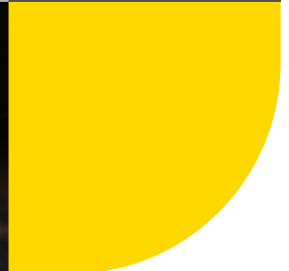
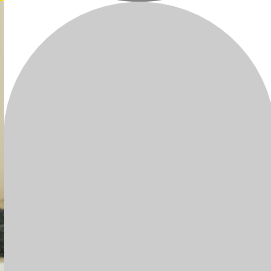
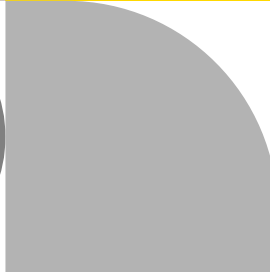
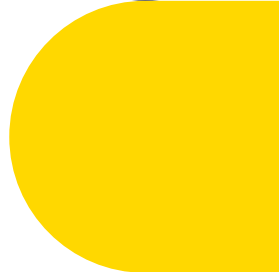


**BELIEVE BIG**

# ANNUAL *REPORT*

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2024



As I reflect on this past year, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the incredible impact we have made together.

Through your unwavering support, Believe Big has continued to bring hope, healing, and innovative care to those facing cancer.

Beyond research, we have witnessed countless stories of resilience as we provided patients with resources, encouragement, and access to treatments that make a difference. From prayer nights to patient advocacy and educational programs, your generosity has allowed us to walk alongside those in need, ensuring that no one faces cancer alone.

As you read through this year's report, I hope you are inspired by the lives we are changing together. Thank you for being an essential part of our mission. With your continued support, we will press forward, offering faith, hope, and healing to even more individuals in the year ahead.

With heartfelt appreciation,



**Ivelisse Page,**

Executive Director & Co-Founder

Believe Big & The Believe Big Institute of Health



## OUR FOUNDERS

After facing, fighting, and overcoming stage IV colon cancer, Ivelisse Page wanted to reach out to other patients facing the many challenges she encountered through her cancer journey. After assembling a team of doctors and accumulating extensive research, Ivelisse and her husband, Jimmy, compiled reliable resources to heal the whole person physically, spiritually, mentally and emotionally. They established Believe Big in 2011 to help families bridge the gap between conventional and complementary medicine for fighting cancer.

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# OUR VISION

To see cancer patients and their families discover their pathway to healing.

# OUR MISSION

To help families face, fight, and overcome cancer.

# OUR FOCUS

- Educate individuals on a comprehensive approach to cancer prevention and treatment.
- Connect patients with physicians trained in mistletoe therapy, oncology nutritionists, and the resources necessary to help them advocate for their own health.
- Provide spiritual support to help patients and their families overcome fear and anxiety.
- Overcome cancer with the development of The Believe Big Institute of Health and supporting the ongoing phases of the Mistletoe Clinical Trial in collaboration with The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.



# CORE VALUES

FAITH

*"We believe it  
before we see it."*

TEAMWORK

*"We are better together."*

INTEGRITY

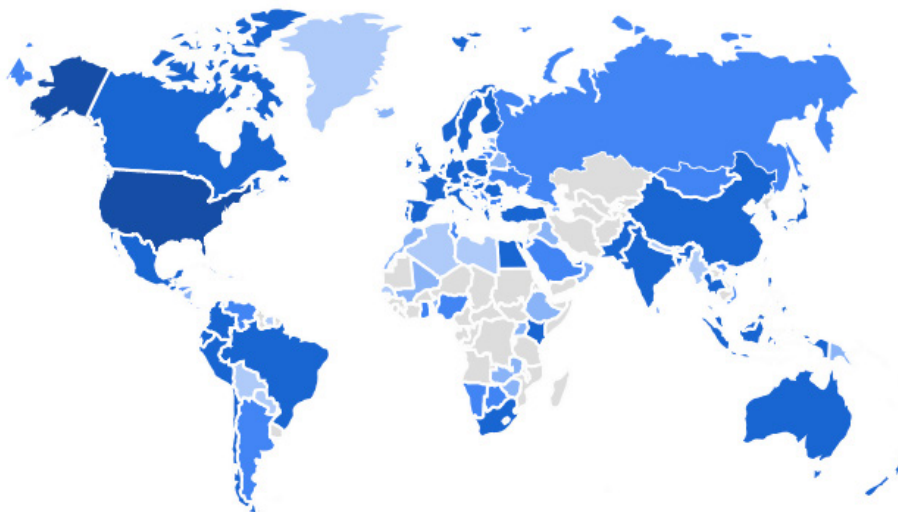
*"We do the right things  
for the right reasons."*

COMPASSION

*"We love, care,  
and serve."*

# GLOBAL IMPACT

Believe Big's reach extends far beyond U.S. borders—impacting lives in over 128 countries through education and resources like our podcast. Our U.S. impact delivers patient advocacy and support, including grant assistance to help families face, fight and overcome cancer. Patients and practitioners alike turn to Believe Big for trusted resources and guidance on integrative cancer care. While our financial assistance is designated for patients in the U.S., our virtual support tools empower individuals around the world to make informed, faith-driven decisions on their healing journey.



## Top Countries Reached in 2024

- United States
- Canada
- United Kingdom
- Australia
- Germany
- India
- Ireland

# OTHER METRICS



394,365

TOTAL GLOBAL IMPACT



830

MUGS DISTRIBUTED



\$288K

US GRANTS AWARDED



23

BEREAVEMENT PACKAGES DELIVERED

\*Although we serve U.S. patients with our grants, our online resources are available globally. 2024 Data

# OUR PROGRAMS

MISTLETOE & NUTRITION GRANTS

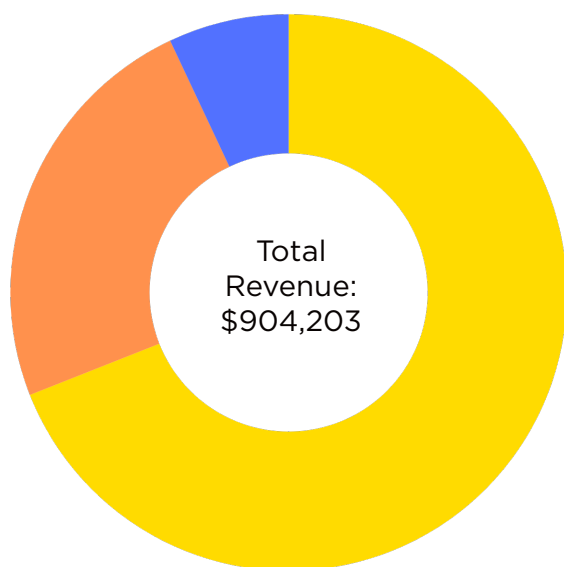
EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

BELIEVE MUGS

HOPE BASKETS & PRAYER

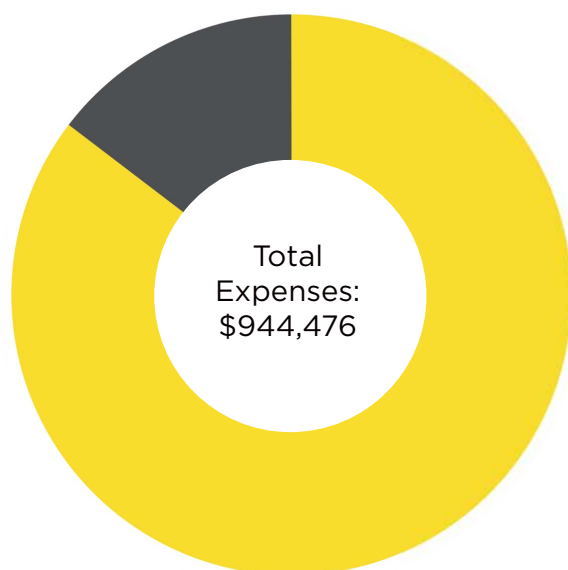
# OUR FINANCIALS

Ending December 31, 2024



## Donor Streams

- 69% Individuals/Families
- 24% Business/Corporate Donors
- 7% Foundations/Giving Funds



## Your Donations at Work

- **85.4% Patient Program Services**
- 14.6% Supporting Services

## 2024 Financial Performance

Total Revenue: \$904,203

Total Expenses: \$944,476

MISTLETOE  
CLINICAL  
TRIAL

PATIENT  
ADVOCACY

WELLNESS  
EVENTS &  
WEBINARS

BELIEVE BIG  
INSTITUTE  
OF HEALTH

# BELIEVE BIG REACH

PATIENTS IMPACTED

1.8 mil



MONTHLY WEBSITE TRAFFIC

4.2k



YOUTUBE SUBSCRIBERS

2.42k



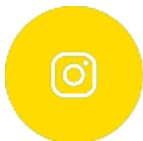
FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS

8.2k



INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS

24k



PODCAST DOWNLOADS

108k+



EMAIL SUBSCRIBERS

15.2k



## BELIEVE BIG PODCAST



**HOPE  
HELP  
HEALING**



HOST IVELISSE PAGE

Believe Big offers a bi-weekly podcast developed to help listeners find answers about integrative cancer treatments and prevention. Join Ivelisse as she takes a deep dive into your healing with health experts, integrative oncology practitioners, best-selling authors, biblical faith leaders, and cancer thrivers from around the globe.

[www.believebig.org/podcast](http://www.believebig.org/podcast)

# BRIDGING THE GAP

## CONVENTIONAL

CHEMOTHERAPY  
HORMONE THERAPY  
IMMUNOTHERAPY  
RADIATION  
SURGERY  
TARGETED THERAPY  
BONE MARROW TRANSPLANT

## COMPLEMENTARY

ACUPUNCTURE  
HERBAL MEDICINE  
HOMEOPATHY  
MISTLETOE THERAPY  
OZONE THERAPY  
HYPERTHERMIA  
CHELATION  
TALK THERAPY

SUPPLEMENTS  
OFF-LABEL DRUGS  
EXERCISE/MOVEMENT  
NUTRITION SUPPORT  
PRAYER  
MASSAGE  
LIGHT THERAPIES  
PEMF  
ART & MUSIC THERAPY

## PHASE II CLINICAL TRIAL

In the United States, most clinical trials are funded by pharmaceutical companies, which have a vested interest in bringing new drugs to market. However, because mistletoe is a natural substance, it cannot be patented, making it difficult to secure funding for research. That's why Believe Big stepped in—rallying support through dinners, private donations, and events to fund this vital research.

Our goal is to complete all three phases of the clinical trial so that mistletoe therapy can be considered part of the standard of care in the U.S. and covered by insurance. This vision can only become a reality with your help.

Phase 1 of the trial has been completed, and we are now collaborating with researchers at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and German experts to design Phase 2, which is estimated to cost \$1 million. Phase 3 is expected to require \$5–8 million.

Please use the link below to view the Phase 1 results published in Cancer Research Communications Journal and consider donating to help advance this groundbreaking research.

See the latest updates here: [www.believebig.org/clinicaltrial](http://www.believebig.org/clinicaltrial)





# "I Have Cancer, Now What?"

## VIDEO SERIES

### Problems Many Cancer Patients Experience

Once diagnosed, patients:

- Are immediately rushed on a conveyor belt of treatment with only three options: chemotherapy, radiation, and surgery.
- Don't realize that their care should be individualized and not standardized.
- Don't think they have time to investigate other options not knowing that it typically takes cancer seven to ten years to grow in the first place.
- Are so overwhelmed with just being diagnosed that they aren't sure of what questions to ask or that there is a better way where they can complement treatments and have a great quality and quantity of life.
- Are trying to figure out how they are going to be able to sustain their family financially.
- Hear the word cancer, and they are instantly filled with fear as the only picture they see in their mind is of someone who is suffering and weak.

**We created this video series as a solution to the overwhelm patients feel once diagnosed.**

This video series will help walk patients and their families through an easy step-by-step process on what to do once diagnosed. There are five short lessons with downloadable resources attached to each one.

1. Overcoming The Shock
2. Build Your Treatment Team
3. Build Your Support Team
4. Tools for A Strong Mindset and Emotions
5. A Healthy Soul

Register today to watch the series by using the following link:

[www.believebig.org/patientportal](http://www.believebig.org/patientportal)

\*\*This video series and all of Believe Big's resources and services are free to patients due to the generous donations of our supporters. If you would like to contribute and join our vision to see cancer patients and their families discover their pathway to healing, please donate by visiting [www.BelieveBig.org/donate](http://www.BelieveBig.org/donate).

# GIVING TESTIMONY



Gary Zipper & Susan Silberstein

## GARY ZIPPER

I support Believe Big for many reasons. The guidance they provide to those who have been diagnosed with cancer is not just valuable, it's critical. At a time when patients are overwhelmed with decisions, Believe Big steps in to help them navigate the complex world of treatment by bridging the gap between conventional and integrative care. This kind of support—educating patients about all the options available to them—can truly make the difference in overcoming cancer.

From the very first dinner I attended, when I heard Ivelisse's powerful story, I knew I was witnessing something deeply special. Her courage, faith, and the mission she shared struck a chord in me. It was clear that Believe Big wasn't just an organization, it was a movement of hope, compassion, and transformation. I immediately felt compelled to get involved and help them grow.

I've often said that if I were ever diagnosed with cancer, Believe Big would be the very first place I would turn. I trust them to provide the guidance, information, and support I would need to face, fight, and overcome cancer.

Now, as a proud board member, I've had the opportunity to see the impact of their work from the inside. Believe Big is not only changing how cancer is approached and treated, it's helping people live well through and beyond it. Their educational podcasts, community outreach, and innovative programs are helping to empower patients and prevent cancer through knowledge and proactive health.

**That's why we invite you to join us in supporting Believe Big.  
Together, let's spread hope and healing to those who need it most.**

Scan QR code to donate >





# BELIEVE BIG INSTITUTE OF HEALTH



The Believe Big Institute of Health will be a culmination of searching worldwide for innovative oncology assessment and treatment. Though integrative oncology programs do exist in academic institutions around the country, Believe Big has seen through the years how they fall short of offering a truly integrative approach that can change cancer outcomes. We are in the beginning stages of creating an institute of health where health-minded individuals will come for a full evaluation to prevent a cancering process and cancer patients can find everything they need to heal in one place.

We are a warm and inviting Christian community that will welcome guests of all faiths, backgrounds, and gender identities. We are respectful of each person's beliefs, while at the same time, being true to who we are.

## Wellness Innovation / Mind, Body & Soul

- Health minded individuals will be able to come for a wellness retreat, to gain valuable insight into their metabolic state, and go home with an effective plan to help them thrive
- Wellness cafe offering therapeutic cooking classes
- Luxury spa and non-toxic aesthetic medicine
- Prevention of disease and enhancement of longevity through biohacking with therapeutic nutrition, targeted movement and physical fitness, biofeedback, hot and cold conditioning, and light therapies
- Personalized wellness programs including genetic testing, clinical laboratory evaluation, acupuncture, chiropractic care, personal training, and more
- A conducive environment to quiet one's spirit, leave the demands of daily life, and be free to seek and deepen a spiritual connection with Christ

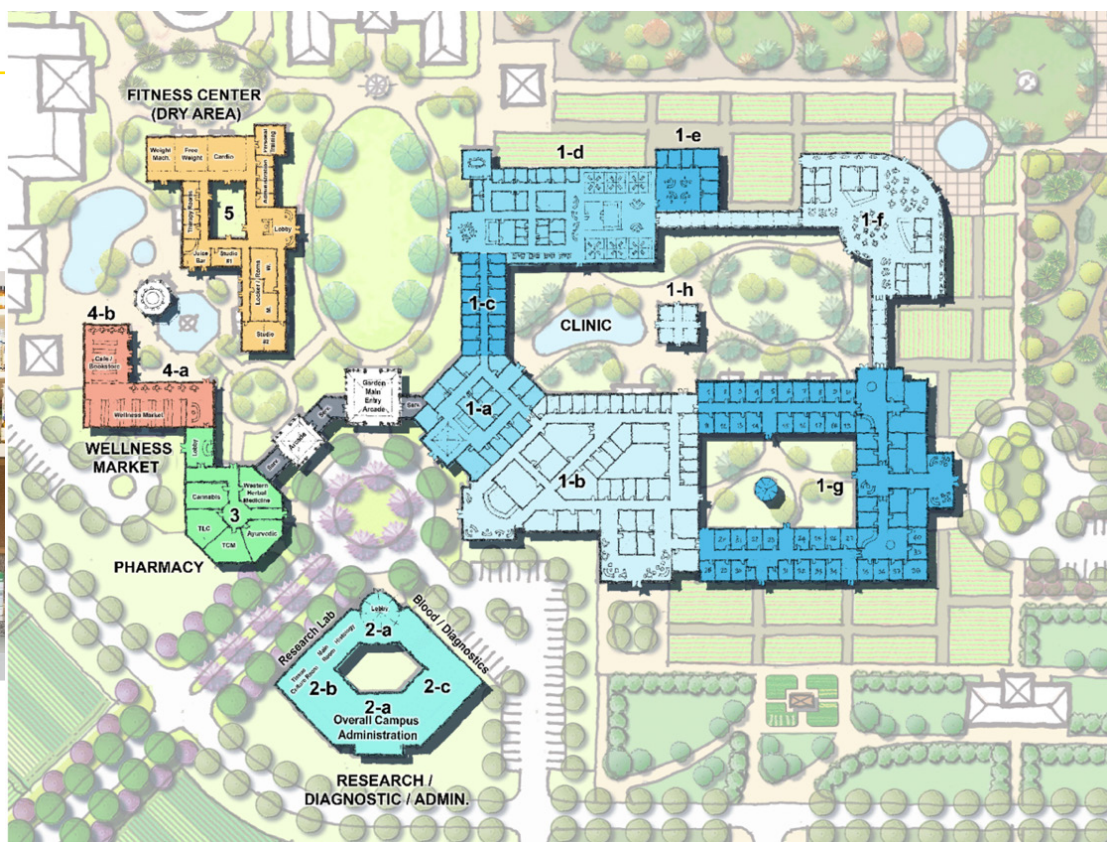
## Patient Care

We exist to upgrade the "standard of care" for cancer by moving from the trial and error approach inherent in set protocols:

**1. EVALUATE** - Before undergoing any treatment, we assess patients' complete biomedical workup, epigenetic blueprint, personal and family history, and lifestyle influences that contributed to or are driving their disease process.



Right: A small portion of the proposed development plans.



**2. TRANSLATE** - Our unique ability to translate this information can take the guesswork out of treatment and guide patients to use the correct medications and interventions at the right time throughout their treatment.

**3. TREAT** - Patients will have access to vetted and research-supported therapies along with re-envisioned standard of care in one place.

**4. INFORM** - The data and analytics from our research will provide scientific evidence to inform cancer treatment for practitioners and patients well beyond our walls.

**Our Mission:** To stop cancer from stopping you.

**Our Vision:** A world where cancer creates an opportunity and invitation to heal.

Currently The Believe Big Institute of Health is a virtual network of practitioners working together to deliver this approach to treatment and prevention. Visit Believe Big's growing list of practitioners to gain access to this care now while we bring the physical campus to life.

For more information and to join in this initiative, please visit:

[www.bbinateofhealth.org](http://www.bbinateofhealth.org)

For general inquiries, contact **Believe Big** - 888-317-5850



# STORIES OF HOPE

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## ANDY MUSSER

### STAGE III COLON CANCER

In 2014, Andy Musser's life was full of promise. He had recently joined his family's business, moved into a new home with his fiancée, Erica, and embraced the role of a father figure to her daughter, Madison. Their joy multiplied when they learned they were expecting a baby. But just one week later, everything changed.

After a sudden allergic reaction to a yellow jacket sting, Andy's routine bloodwork revealed dangerously low hemoglobin levels. Further testing uncovered a tumor in his colon. At just 31 years old, he was misdiagnosed with stage 4 cancer—news that sent shockwaves through his family. But a second opinion brought a new perspective and, ultimately, a correct diagnosis: stage III colon cancer.

Determined to fight, Andy turned to his faith and sought every possible path to healing. That's when he found Believe Big. With the support of a Believe Big Mistletoe Grant, Andy gained access to integrative cancer care, combining traditional chemotherapy with mistletoe therapy and a nutrition-based approach. He embraced healing with acupuncture, juicing, and dietary changes to strengthen his body during treatment.

Through it all, Andy leaned on prayer, visualization, and unwavering faith. The treatments worked. He tolerated chemotherapy well, and in 2015, as he completed his final round of treatment, his daughter, Olivia Hope, was born—a living testament to the strength of faith and perseverance.

Today, nearly a decade cancer-free, Andy leads a healthy, active life, prioritizing fitness, nutrition, and mental well-being. He even leads a men's group to encourage others to reach their goals and manage stress.

Andy's journey would not have been possible without Believe Big and the generosity of donors like you. As the number of people seeking integrative cancer care continues to rise, we need your help to ensure that every patient receives the hope, healing, and resources they deserve.

**Together, we can change lives—one story at a time.**



Just one month after settling into their first home—and six months pregnant with their third son—Melissa and Jason Jacobi never imagined how drastically life could change in a single afternoon.

What started as a sunny summer day filled with laughter and backyard fun turned into a nightmare. Their two-year-old son, Luca, spiked a 104-degree fever and suddenly had a seizure on the couch. Within moments, Jason and Melissa were calling 911. After initial tests at the local hospital, Luca was urgently transferred to CHOC Children's Hospital, where they received the devastating diagnosis: Luca had Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL)—an aggressive form of blood cancer.

The treatment road ahead would be long: 2 to 3 years of intensive chemotherapy, procedures, and countless hospital visits. In the midst of this overwhelming time, the Jacobis found support and hope through Believe Big.



Thanks to a Believe Big grant, the family connected with an integrative pediatric oncology specialist who helped them create a complementary plan alongside Luca's conventional treatment. This included supplements, CBD and hemp oils, and individualized nutrition—all carefully aligned with his medical care. Genetic testing also helped guide personalized treatment strategies to better support his body's healing process.

"Believe Big helped us slow down, breathe, and take it one step at a time," Melissa shared. "We felt like we had a partner walking beside us—not just in treatment, but in hope."

The grant also helped cover the cost of virtual doctor visits and supplements, easing the financial burden of care. Through this integrative approach, Luca's energy and joy began to return. "He's thriving today," Jason said. "He's outside playing, riding scooters, scraping his knees—he looks and feels like any other little boy. You wouldn't know he's in remission and still in treatment."

For the Jacobis, faith has been their anchor. "This journey brought us to our knees, but it also brought us closer to God and to each other," Melissa said. "There is peace even in the storm."

Because of supporters like you, Believe Big continues to provide families like the Jacobis with practical resources, integrative support, and financial relief at one of the hardest times of their lives.

## LUCA

## ACUTE LYMPHOBLASTIC LEUKEMIA (ALL)

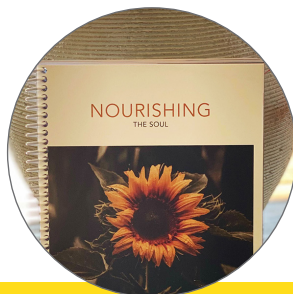


# 2024 HIGHLIGHTS



## TWO NEW PATIENT ADVOCATES HIRED

This year, we welcomed Wendy and Lynette to our Patient Advocacy team, bringing fresh energy and enthusiasm to our mission. Their passion and dedication have expanded our reach, allowing us to support even more patients and families navigating their cancer journeys. We are grateful for their contributions and the impact they continue to make in bridging the gap between conventional and complementary medicine.



## NEW HEALING JOURNAL

Created by Ivelisse Page, this unique journal was born out of a deep understanding of the toll that prolonged stress, unmet needs, and unaddressed grief can take on our well-being. This journal offers transformative tools—including guided reflections, gratitude exercises, forgiveness prompts, breath prayers, and journaling space—to help individuals find peace, clarity, and a deeper connection with Jesus. It is more than just a journal; it is a companion for healing and renewal.



## 1ST PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

Bringing together players, supporters, and the Believe Big community for a day of fun, competition, and purpose in Colorado. The event was more than just a game—it was an opportunity to rally support for cancer patients and raise awareness about integrative healing approaches. We are grateful to everyone who joined us on the courts, and we look forward to making this an annual tradition!

# FUNDRAISING EVENTS



## FUNDRAISING DINNER

We hosted our 13th Annual Fundraising Dinner, where attendees came together for a joyful evening celebrating the powerful impact Believe Big is making in the lives of those affected by cancer. Jennifer Gilbert St. John served as the Master of Ceremonies, and guests were inspired by the stories of hope shared by Ben Abel and Angie Jurisson.



### NIGHTS OF PRAYER

These quarterly gatherings offer a space to seek strength, find peace, and receive healing through prayer. Whether facing a cancer diagnosis, supporting a loved one, or simply seeking prayer, attendees leave feeling renewed and uplifted. These nights remind us that no one walks this journey alone. We are grateful for the opportunity to unite in faith each quarter and continue bringing His hope, help, and healing.



### EXPANDING SUPPORT FOR PEDIATRIC PATIENTS

We restructured our special children's grants to ensure that pediatric patients and their families receive the most impactful support possible. By refining the grant process, we have been able to maximize resources and extend meaningful assistance to more children facing cancer. Additionally, we continued our tradition of bringing art therapy and encouragement through pediatric mug paintings at Johns Hopkins, where young patients painted Believe Mugs with our dedicated and trusted volunteers.



### ADVANCING MISTLETOE RESEARCH: PHASE 2 DISCUSSIONS UNDERWAY

Phase 2 is a crucial step toward integrating mistletoe therapy into standard oncology care and gaining insurance coverage. Believe Big founder Ivelisse Page and Board President Heidi Kelly met with Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine to strategize the next phase of this groundbreaking research. Their dedication is paving the way for more integrative cancer treatment options for patients.

“ Thank you, Believe Big, for providing hope and support throughout my cancer journey. Your dedication to integrative care has truly made a difference in my life.



## END OF YEAR FUNDRAISER

At the close of each year, we host our annual End-of-Year Online Fundraiser, a time to reflect on the milestones achieved, share powerful patient stories, and rally support for the cancer patients we serve. During this special event, we invite our community to become Hope Givers—dedicating their donations to provide life-changing treatments and support. We are proud that every dollar given to Believe Big goes directly toward treatments that work, offering patients real hope and healing. With Believe Big by their side, cancer is no longer a word to be feared—it is a battle fought with faith, strength, and unwavering support. **Together, we can continue to make a difference in the lives of cancer patients and their families.**

# PATIENT & FAMILY THANK YOU NOTES

This is such wonderful news - thank you for this generous gift!! Today is my Birthday and there couldn't be a better present than LOTS of mistletoe injections.

I know you understand how expensive it is to optimize health through the cancering process. Believe Big has done so much to change the lives of so many for the better.

Thank you for all you do!

Much love,  
Kiersten H.

Thank you all for the most thoughtful gifts you sent to my family for Christmas. We certainly appreciate just being remembered. You made an otherwise difficult time much more tolerable. Ronisha was such a "holiday" person. The Christmas ornament was so special. We hung it where everyone could see it. Again thanks for all of the gifts!

Ronald & Pamela M.

Thanks so much for the mug, the inspirational verses and your sweet supportive note.

I felt a surge of 'Yes, I can energy' after seeing it all.

May you have a blessed day and wonderful holidays!

With gratitude,  
Jane

Thank you so much for the wonderful gift. I especially appreciate the bible verses. I will continue to have faith in God and wait on His healing power.

Kind regards,  
Fanni

WOW!!! This is amazing and we are so happy to find organizations like yours willing to help when we receive life changing news.

Thank you again from the bottom of my heart.

George W.

Since we last connected about four months ago, I've undergone four rounds of chemotherapy, radiation, daily targeted medication, and surgery to remove part of my lung. With the help of my integrative oncologist, I've been using mistletoe and helleborus alongside conventional treatments. Today, my integrative oncologist shared that my latest Signatera test shows undetectable tumor cells, dropping from a score of 22.31 in June to 0.00 in September. Additionally, my medical oncologist informed me post-surgery that my pathology report shows no sign of cancer. Just over six months ago, I was diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer. Now, two tests show no evidence of disease. I am thankful for Believe Big's support in accessing mistletoe and helleborus, which have significantly contributed to this outcome. While my journey continues, and I plan to keep using natural remedies to heal and strengthen my immune system, I am interested in any further grant opportunities from Believe Big for long-term support.

Thank you and everyone at Believe Big for your crucial role in my journey. My family and I are immensely grateful.

All the best, Christine

You have chosen me and have not rejected me. So I will not fear for you are with me. I will not be dismayed, for you are my God. You will strengthen me and help me; you will uphold me with your righteous right hand....For you are the Lord, my God, who takes hold of my right hand and says **"Do not be afraid; I will help you."** - Isaiah 41:9-13

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