

CANCER ALLIANCE OF HELP & HOPE

New Fund To Help Local Veterans Battling Cancer

The **Cancer Alliance of Help & Hope (CAHH)**, a not-for-profit organization in Palm Beach County, has initiated a new fund to assist veterans battling cancer. The organization is committed to alleviating the financial strain on individuals fighting cancer in the local community. A generous supporter and Board member, **Sheila E. Buchbinder (Befeler), M.D.**, has made this possible for local veterans in Palm Beach County who are confronting cancer.

Sheila has established the *CAHH Veterans Fund* as a tribute to her beloved husband, **David Befeler, M.D.** David, who passed away in 2022, was a skilled surgeon and a former Army captain who served during the Vietnam War. “David’s passions in life were the surgical care of cancer patients and his love of country and desire to help his fellow veterans,” said Sheila. “We could not think of any better way to honor him than to create a fund in his name for veterans with cancer.”

According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans have overall slightly higher rates (11.4%) of cancer diagnoses compared to non-Veterans (10%), with the most frequently diagnosed cancers in Veterans including Prostate cancer, Lung cancer, Colorectal cancer, Bladder cancer, and Melanoma.

“We are grateful for Sheila’s donation to establish this fund that will help our local veterans with cancer,” said **Stanton Collemer**, CEO of CAHH. “Our veterans have fought for our country- and we are honored to be able to help them fight cancer by providing emergency financial assistance to help them pay their non-medical expenses while they are undergoing treatment. This assistance will, in many cases, prevent homelessness.” Collemer adds, “The cost of cancer treatment is so formidable that it can deplete all family resources needed to cover fundamental expenses such as rent, utilities, food, transportation, pet care, and insurance.”

CAHH has assisted 1,200 individuals annually and distributed more than \$6 million over the past 18 years, thanks to the support of generous donors.

To contribute to the *David Befeler, M.D. Veterans Fund* or to establish a *Donor Advised Fund*, call 561.748.7227 or email Scollemer@cahh.org. For more information visit CAHH.org.



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