

## Thank You to our Partners

Bag It is truly grateful for ALL of the organizations, foundations, and individuals who support us on a regular basis. Some of our major partners are listed below, but note that each and every partner is valued. We could not provide the bags without your support.

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## VOLUNTEERS

*As a cancer survivor, I know first-hand the importance of good, reliable information. When I was undergoing treatment, Bag It was key to giving me a sense of empowerment. Now, I volunteer with Bag It to help others have the knowledge and resources they need to navigate their cancer journey.*

JEN M.

80  
volunteers donated

1,338

work hours, valued at over

\$34,000

Time valued at \$25.43/hour.

### Bag It

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### Partner Spotlight

HeinfeldMeech has been a long-time supporter of Bag It as it is clearly evident how the Bag It bag, the programs, and self-advocacy message of the organization have such a positive impact on the cancer patients of our communities. Bag It truly achieves its motto, "Be Informed. Be Empowered." We are grateful to be a part of such a great organization that is achieving its mission, and proud to contribute to that in whatever way we can!



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IMPACT REPORT  
2019-2020

Be Informed. Be Empowered.  
Manténgase informado y capacitado.

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...a message from Bag It

# 2019-2020

## The Bag It bag INFORMING, COMFORTING, EMPOWERING

The bag helps those with cancer and their loved ones better understand, cope, and navigate their way from the day of diagnosis and beyond. Designed to help anyone with any type of cancer, it's the right information right when it's needed the most.

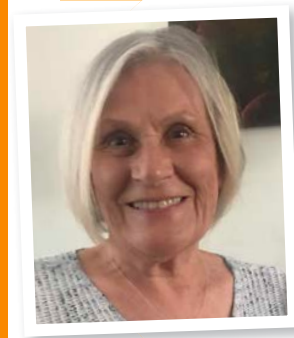
*My Companion Guidebook* features tabbed sections to organize and store personal and medical info, track schedules, details and more, with options to customize this easy-to-use tool. With uplifting messages of hope, it keeps everything in one place and is a shareable reference for those supporting someone with cancer.

Booklets full of evidence-based content from leading cancer authorities provide comprehensive information on a wide range of topics, plus tips on how to confidently be one's best advocate on their healthcare team.

Available in English and in Spanish, select medical providers and cancer nonprofits around the country provide the bags at no charge. Bags can be ordered online and shipped throughout the U.S and Puerto Rico. The materials are also available to download from our website.

### Specialty Bags

Several industry partners and nonprofit cancer organizations have recognized the Bag It bag as a powerful education tool. Together we collaborated to create three specialty bags with added content specifically for those with stomach cancer, (CLL) chronic lymphocytic leukemia, or (MPN) myeloproliferative neoplasm. These bags, launched in January 2020, are available through select nonprofits and medical providers and can also be ordered from our website.



*"When meeting patients for the first time, we often find the devastation of their new cancer diagnosis to be overwhelming. They are not sure who to turn to, or where to begin. As certified Nurse Navigators our first meeting is a cornerstone for care needs and coordination. Having the Bag It helps to introduce our ability to support and stabilize the care they need. At the same time we use it to educate them in essential ways. Lastly, it is a place to keep things 'in its place' in their lives from the start."*

MARY VERPLANK, RN MSN CN-BN  
BREAST HEALTH NURSE NAVIGATOR

This past year was busy and exciting for us! We collaborated with other organizations (CLL Society, Hope for Stomach Cancer, Patient Power, and SHARE) to expand our national reach and to create our first cancer specific bags (stomach, CLL and MPN). We are so thankful for all of YOU who help make a difference for those impacted by a cancer diagnosis. We couldn't provide bags and empower patients and caregivers without YOU—our continuing donors, new donors, sponsors, partners, volunteers, medical providers, friends, and the community—YOU are amazing! Please stay safe and take care of yourself.

**Mindy Griffith**  
Executive Director

### OUR VISION

Bag It will empower patients to be more involved in their care, advocate for themselves, and learn to cope with the challenges associated with diagnosis and treatment. Further, Bag It empowers cancer advocates to promote the same vision in their communities.

### OUR MISSION

Bag It educates, supports, and empowers those impacted by cancer.



*"My anxiety was at an all time high! The contents gave me insight and made me feel like it's ok to ask questions... because no question is dumb! This bag was very very helpful and it was just very special to me!"*

### ROSITA GILLEYLEN

#### STAFF

- Amy Cojanis
- Annetra Farrington
- Mindy Griffith, ED
- Joyce Palasek
- Sherri Romanoski
- Lisa Terrazas

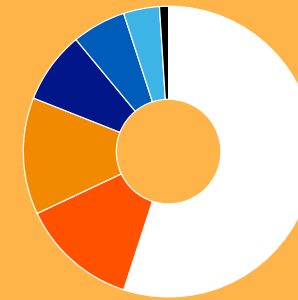
#### BOARD

- Michelle Bonito
- Katy Clarke
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- Mickey Gomez
- Melinda Mauntel
- Matt Nelson
- Anjelica Sanchez
- Lorena Verdugo

#### ADVISORS

- Donald Brooks, MD
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### Financials



#### INCOME

- Corporate Partnerships (55%)
- Medical Providers (13%)
- Fundraising/Events (13%)
- Foundations (8%)
- Individuals (6%)
- Programs (4%)
- In-kind, Other (1%)

**437**  
SPANISH-LANGUAGE  
BAGS DISTRIBUTED  
FYE June 30, 2020

**519**  
CANCER-SPECIFIC  
BAGS DISTRIBUTED  
FYE June 30, 2020

**80,498**  
Bags distributed to date

Close to 90% of bag recipients said the bag helped them worry less, cope better, and feel more confident speaking up for themselves, asking questions, and being part of their healthcare team.

### Did you know?

We never turn away a person in need of a bag. Last year, bags valued at over \$7,000 were delivered straight to someone's home. Individuals ordered for themselves or to send as a gift for someone else. Our Gift a Bag fundraiser helps ensure bags are provided to those who request one but don't have the financial means to contribute to the cost.



*"I have a way now to collect all the various bits and pieces of paperwork and information in one place. I can relax a little more now that I have the resources provided in the binder and bag. The section on CLL helped me to write down questions I want to ask for my next telemedicine appointment."*

KATHARINE SHANK

### Professional & Personal Development for Cancer Advocates

#### 2020 CONFERENCE GOALS

- Build capacity
- Develop collaborations
- Explore self-care

#### 2020 LEADERSHIP TOPICS

- Survivorship
- Equity and Inclusion
- Advocacy

#### PARTICIPANTS

The 9th annual conference hosted 30 national advocates, and represented 14 cancers. Participants ranged in age from 20s to 60s; 40% were people of color, and 10% male.

#### EVALUATION

90% of participants ranked the conference 9 or 10 overall; 100% stated Escape to THRIVE succeeded in providing a unique balance in programming, networking and wellness activities/classes.

