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Did you know that according to the National Cancer Institute, almost 40% of men and women in this country will be diagnosed with cancer at some point in their lives? And with the rising prices of medication, health insurance, treatment and other treatment-related expenses, the financial burden of cancer is unbearable for many patients. In fact, many patients struggle with how they will pay for their treatment, or how they will meet their basic needs like groceries and housing.

Caring Community Foundation provides financial assistance for expenses like housing, utilities, and other bills, so that cancer patients and their families can focus on getting better, because **the power of a community can make a difference.**



Caring Community Foundation was founded to be there when patients have to make those unimaginable choices. Patients like a 24-year-old mother of two who had to stop working when she was diagnosed with leukemia. Her husband became the sole provider for the family, and they were managing remarkably well during the first 6 months of her treatment. But they began struggling to make ends meet because of the increased travel and childcare expenses when the patient started her next round of chemo. **Caring Community was able to help** with their car payment, so they could focus on her treatments and getting better.

Or the 47-year-old husband and father with recurrent lung cancer. His wife was working until recently and staying on top of their bills, in spite of mounting medical expenses. Unfortunately, the patient became much weaker and needed more assistance at home, and he also had several unexpected trips to the ER. As he continued to decline, his wife worked less and less, and they were not able to make their mortgage payment. **Caring Community stepped in to help.**

These patients have no names, because they could be anybody. They could be you, they could be your loved one. And the reality is, so many people fighting cancer suffer the financial struggles in silence. And when they finally reach out to ask for help, they are truly in crisis. Caring Community Foundation is glad to be there to help relieve some of that burden.

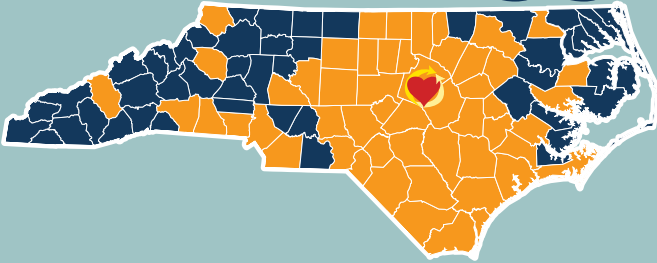
In 2018 we helped **339 patients by providing nearly \$144,000 in support**, and there are so many more who need our help. The funds we raise ensure that cancer patients, who are already fighting for their lives, don't have to worry about whether there is roof over their head, or if the lights will stay on, or if they will receive their treatment this month.

The help we give is only **possible because of the generosity of people like you**—some of whom were affected by cancer themselves and some who simply understand the power of making a difference in the lives of others.

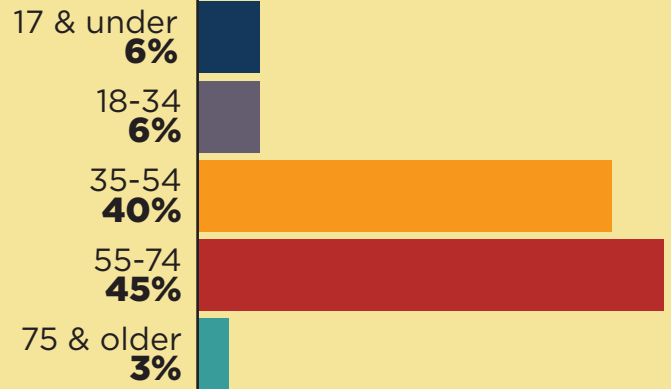
Since its inception in 2001, the **Caring Community Foundation has provided more than \$2.1 million** to over 3,600 patients in need across 65 NC counties.

2018 IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

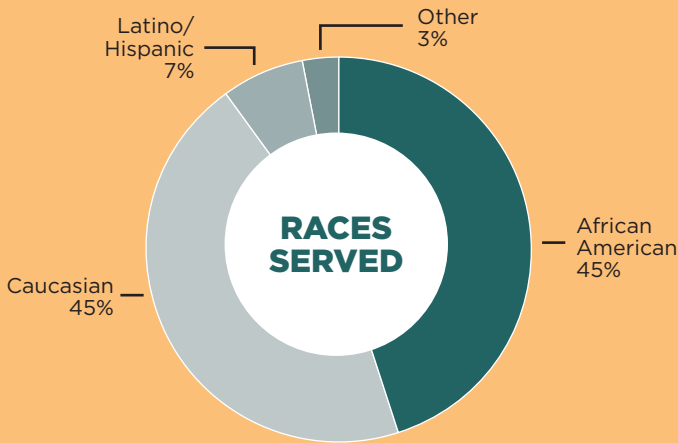
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Counties Served **53**



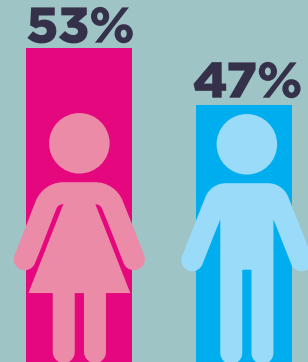
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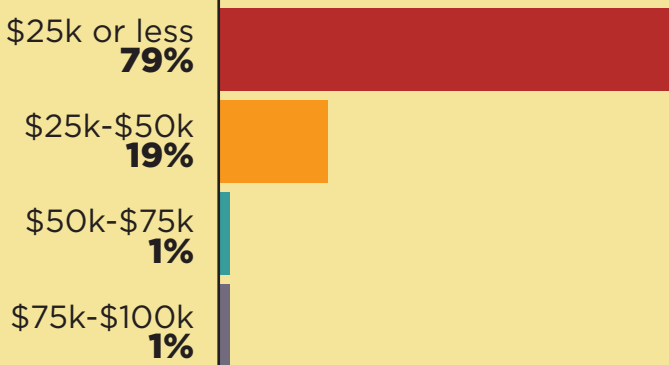
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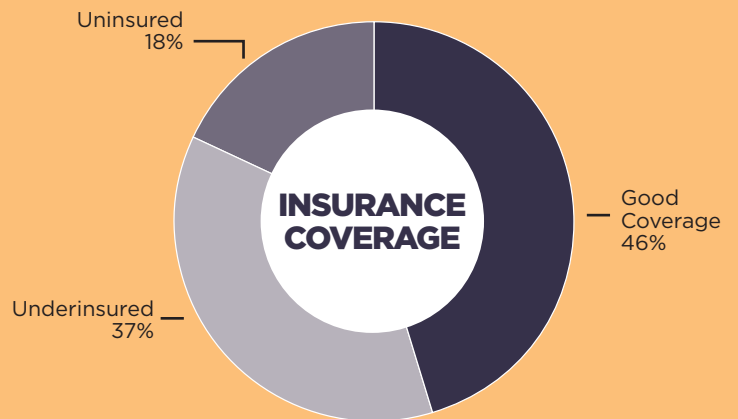
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REASONS FOR SUPPORT

