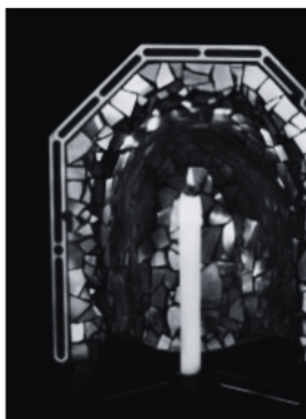
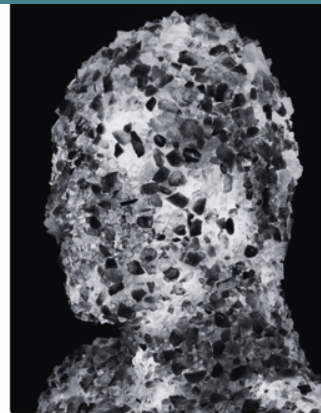




ANNUAL REPORT 2025

REMOVING BARRIERS. RESTORING HOPE



Danielle Puzio

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Danielle Puzio is the Chief Executive Officer of HNC Living Foundation, where she leads the organization's mission to provide financial assistance and support to low-income head and neck cancer patients. Passionate about improving access to care, Danielle is dedicated to helping patients navigate the financial challenges of cancer treatment while expanding the foundation's impact nationwide.



DEAR FRIENDS OF HNC LIVING FOUNDATION,

As we reflect on 2025, I am filled with immense gratitude and pride for what we accomplished together at HNC Living Foundation.

This year was one of growth, compassion, and meaningful impact. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, partners, and advocates, we were able to provide critical financial assistance to head and neck cancer patients facing some of the most difficult moments of their lives. For many families, the burden of cancer extends far beyond the diagnosis itself — bringing overwhelming financial strain, uncertainty, and impossible choices. Because of your support, patients were able to focus on healing instead of hardship.

In 2025, we expanded our reach, strengthened our partnerships, and continued our commitment to ensuring that low-income patients have access to the care and support they deserve. Every dollar raised represented hope. Every patient served represented a life touched by compassion.

What continues to inspire me most is the resilience of the patients and caregivers we serve. Their courage reminds us daily why this work matters. Behind every number in this report is a person, a family, and a story of perseverance. This year also reinforced the power of community. Whether you supported us through a donation, partnership, advocacy, or by sharing our mission with others, you played a vital role in helping patients continue treatment and navigate the challenges of cancer care.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to growing our impact and reaching even more individuals in need. The demand for assistance continues to rise, and with your partnership, we are prepared to meet that need with compassion, urgency, and hope.

Thank you for believing in our mission and standing beside the head and neck cancer community. Together, we are removing barriers to care and changing lives every day.

With so much gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Danielle Puzio". The script is fluid and cursive.



PARTNERS IN LIVING BRIDGING THE GAPS IN CANCER CARE



Our goal is simple: to ensure that patients can focus on healing, not hurdles, and get back to living life fully.

At the heart of every cancer journey is a patient navigating a complex web of care — from oncology and dental treatments to nutrition and rehabilitation. For low-income, underinsured, and uninsured head and neck cancer patients, the gaps between these essential services can seem out of reach.

Introducing: Partners in Living. Partners in Living is designed to ease that burden. This national initiative brings together philanthropists, healthcare providers, dental specialists, nutritionists, service partners, and those with a strong connection to head and neck cancer to support the patient before, during, and after treatment.

- ♥ **Access:** Partnerships make it easier for patients to access the care they need.
- ♥ **Affordability:** Ensuring care remains affordable for patients with limited financial resources.
- ♥ **Impact:** Strengthen community health outcomes through coordination of service.
- ♥ **Reach:** National partnerships help build connections between providers and patients.



“HNC Living Foundation gave me hope when I didn’t know where to turn. My treatment took place in a rural area of Wyoming, where aftercare support was nearly nonexistent. After I finished treatment, HNC Living helped cover the extra medical costs and long drives for follow-up care. Their support made all the difference. I’ve since moved to Florida to continue living life fully, thanks to the many great connections and coordinated support made possible by HNC Living Foundation.”

-Christie

Ready to make a difference together? Join us today at hncliving.org/partnersinliving

THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS IN LIVING

Through national partnerships, we are closing the care gap for low-income head and neck cancer patients





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\$5.3M+ in grants
awarded to patients

36K+ days
of nutrition provided

5K+ lives changed
across all 50 states

Join Us in Building a National Circle of Support

Join us in forming a powerful circle of support — one that fills critical gaps in care where low-income patients feel the most burden. Together, we can stretch our dollars further, expand our impact across more communities, and drive the change that’s needed to make healing possible for every head and neck cancer patient.



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HNC LIVING FOUNDATION HEAR FROM OUR PATIENTS



JAMISON FROM INDIANA

"For someone with low income, limited health insurance, and almost zero dental coverage, **it really is a miracle and blessing because without HNC Living Foundation**, I honestly have no clue what I would have done or what the outcome would or could have been! Thank you to Brandi and the rest of the staff at HNC Living Foundation. You all are amazing, and I cannot express my level of gratitude enough!"

KEITH WILLIAMS, GEORGIA

My name is Keith. On November 13, 2023, I was diagnosed with stage 4 throat cancer and had an emergency trach, followed by a laryngectomy two days before Christmas. My wife became my caregiver, and thanks to HNC Living Foundation we received help with medical supplies, nutritional drinks, and gas for treatment travel. **HNC Living Foundation's support meant the world to us—we couldn't have made it without you.** It's been a long journey, but I'm back at work and doing well. My prognosis is good, and I hope to give back so others can get the help they need. **Living is just what I'm doing, thanks to you.**



SHEILA NALE, KENTUCKY

"In this photo, I'm doing one of my favorite things - walking a trail birdwatching. I haven't been able to do it since this photo was taken because shortly thereafter I received the diagnosis of squamous cell carcinoma in my jawbone and soft tissue. I learned I would need a very invasive jaw reconstruction, radiation and chemo but I think the most shocking thing was they would remove all my teeth. So now, a year later, to be cancer free and getting an upper denture, really makes me feel like things are getting more normal again, a new normal, but I'll take it. **I am so appreciative of the financial assistance.** Teeth don't seem important until you lose them all at once. So, for HNC Living Foundation to give financial help for dentures is **life-changing and very kind.**"



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