

The RISAA Charities Committee exists to lend a helping hand to others in need, and is a way of giving back to our community.

THIS MONTH'S CONTRIBUTION

Pink Heals RI

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other Pink Heals chapters around the country) are

known for surprise visits to cancer patients at their

homes with a bouquet of flowers in their pink fire truck,

rescue vehicle or "fire chief" car. The visits happen



Why donate money to a corporation that has a huge payroll and overhead costs? Where does the money go when you send it out of state? Does any of it come back to help the people that YOU know who are battling cancer? Wouldn't you rather donate money and give it to a neighbor?

That's just what Pink Heals Rhode Island does. It is

a 501(c)3 non-profit that raises money to assist men, woman and children battling all cancers. All the money raised is given back to the community.

There are no salaries, no pensions, and no hidden agendas.

Pink Heals is made up of firefighters, police officers, EMS workers, nurses, school teachers cancer survivors, and more that want to help people in our own community.

Pink Heals RI uses funds to

• Deliver flowers to women, children and men battling, or have battled, any time of cancer.



Chris Seelenbrant, President of RI Pink Heals, accepted RISAA's donation



· Assist women, children and men that are currently battling cancer with their daily needs such as assisting in medical bills, medications, mortgages, food for their family, and much more.



Firefighters Cancer Network, and more.

• They also donate funds to o t h e r organizations such as Hasbro Children's Hospital, Ronald McDonald House, Woman and Infants Oncology, Hospice of RI, the RI



The Pink Heals crew are very often found at fairs, festivals and parades in Rhode Island. The most popular program that draws people to their vehicles is when folks are allowed to write the names of family members who have/had cancer and many memorial names of lost loved ones.

For more information about Pink Heals RI, visit their web site at ripinktrucks.com where you can request a pink truck visit or make a donation.

