# Glio Support Association Inc.

A Florida Non-profit Corporation

## IRS FORM 1023 ATTACHMENT

### Part IV Narrative Description of Your Activities

#### Overview

It is the mission of Glio Support Association Inc. to provide home and family care services to Glioblastoma Cancer patients, families and caregivers from the time of diagnosis to Hospice/Palliative care and grief support. Our services are directed to offering solutions with the daily challenges in the care of a brain cancer patient to maintain a sense of normalcy in the home by providing nutritional support, housekeeping and laundry assistance, assistance with transportation for the patient and caregiving assistance. We provide volunteer home maintenance and repairs through a community outreach to build a sense of hope, security and dignity for the patient and family. Our vision is to build a global outreach by establishing a community of volunteers and paid assistance, paid for through our fundraising efforts. We do this through our various existing programs, as well as soliciting volunteers for Hope Hospice who will be trained and assigned through their programs to assist patients at a national level. We are committed to continually evaluating the needs in the community and helping to establish programs that will address those needs.

This is clearly seen in the Glio Support Association Inc.'s development and the programs that it currently supports and addresses. Our hope is to continue to keep our fingers on the pulse of our community needs, and to find ways to address these needs through development of new programs.

#### **History**

Glio Support Association Inc. is a newly founded Florida Non Profit Corporation, supported by the efforts of GBM Never Alone Corp, a Florida For Profit Corporation. We have established workshops and seminars that are available for training, education and assistance in caring for the patient and addressing the needs of the family and caregivers.

Glio Support Association Inc. is committed to researching new information and treatment for Glioblastoma and informing the public of research and treatment facilities. We intend to educate those who are affected by this illness through continually updating and sharing information that is accurate and reliable.

We have Board Members and Directors who are licensed and certified as Counselors, Nurses and Nutritionists who offer free services to anyone in need of emotional support or guidance in caregiving. We have established a 'Trauma Talks' art therapy program where families of patients work with counselors and art directors to work through the trauma in their lives with constructive

classes using broken pieces of various products to create a healing experience. Our blog is available for all who are or have been affected by Glioblastoma to share experiences and emotions that may be helpful or address the sense of being alone in a difficult journey.

Glio Support Association Inc. has established a 'Pay it Forward' Free Store where families can donate equipment and supplies no longer needed. These items are available to those who are in need and cannot pay for new equipment or supplies. Our website visitors are encouraged to donate or request items.

Our 'Bootcamp' training addresses the challenges of Glioblastoma beginning from the diagnosis through surgery or other treatment, rehabilitation and the new normal that must be established when the patient is released to return home. Qualified volunteer counselors and caregivers hold workshops by Zoom to increase the audience opportunity, answering questions while training the family on essential caregiving of the patient.

We supply prepackaged easy to prepare meals when necessary and pay for in home meal preparation during critical times with the families by licensed food preparation companies. Our housekeeping and laundry services are provided by volunteers and paid providers of these services when necessary.

We provide in home maintenance and repairs through volunteer efforts of licensed providers of the services required to maintain safety in the home. Our services include painting, roof repairs, doors, windows, porches, steps, ramps and simple interior and exterior repairs, and minor plumbing and electrical repairs. These repairs are done at no charge to the clients we serve.

Glio Support Association Inc. has established a network of people who will talk with the family when they are overwhelmed by the caregiving efforts needed and respond with services to assist them through the journey of caring for a brain cancer patient.

Through continued growth of services and innovative ways to assist patients, families and caregivers, we expect to extend our services locally and globally through our programs. Within the current community, lives are being changed, either by services or support where people can live and grow in a feeling of community as the illness progresses. Our vision is to further develop new programs that will continue to address any new needs assessed in the Glioblastoma patient community and to grow its reach.

Our clients apply for our services through applications. These are available through a contact form on our website at gliosa.org on the internet.

We fund this activity mainly through donations from GBM Never Alone Corp and the volunteer teams who offer to perform the work. When we receive our nonprofit approval we will apply for grants and other donations solicited through annual campaigns or fundraisers. Some of our clients offer to volunteer services that will assist others, even while receiving assistance from Glio Support Association Inc.

We do know that we make a difference through our efforts – families are quickly overwhelmed by the drastic changes in their lives when a family member is diagnosed with Glioblastoma. Our efforts are directed to providing emotional support, counseling, assistance with daily care of the patient and the home and family and grief support that establishes contact and a sense of community caring until the final stages of the illness when palliative care or Hospice intervenes.

Indeed, our outreach provides support in maintaining a normal family existence through the illness, counseling, assistance, training and education about the illness and home maintenance and repair services. We offer grief counseling to the family member's throughout the illness and after, assisting them in returning to a new normal in their lives.