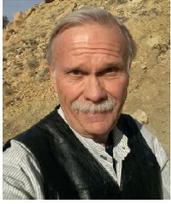


Former crime reporter turns to crowd funding to combat cancer

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Author and previous Gallup Independent writer Michael Sullivan was recently and unexpectedly diagnosed with bone cancer. Sullivan is set to begin radiation therapy this week and has joined GoFundMe, an online fundraising website. As of today, Sullivan has raised over \$1,000 and has a goal of bringing in \$100,000 to offset medical expenses.

According to Sullivan, he was initially diagnosed with prostate cancer, which soon metastasized into his bones. Sullivan also said that the benefits provided to him by Medicare don't cover the necessary treatments.

"Medical expenses are skyrocketing, exceeding the ability of my family and I to keep pace," Sullivan said. So, I established an account with GoFundMe to accept donations. Anything you can spare will be appreciated."

Sullivan said he worked as a crime reporter during his time with the Gallup Independent and retired in 2013. He then moved to Arizona and wrote his fourth book, "The Desert is Green," which he described as a murder-mystery novel.

Sullivan now resides in Idaho with his family and is currently hospitalized in Boise, he said.

To stay updated with Sullivan's condition and to donate to his efforts, please visit his GoFundMe page at www.gofundme.com/rw7382j.