



YOUR  
SUPPORT  
HELPS  
WHEN IT'S  
NEEDED MOST.



# YOUR GIFTS at WORK

AWARDED MISSION GRANTS 2020

# THANK YOU!

**Maybe you donated in memory of someone you love.**

**Maybe you gave to establish your own legacy of philanthropy.**

**Maybe you personally received services and wanted to share in appreciation of your care.**

Regardless of your reason for giving, you can have confidence knowing that your donation to the Home Nursing Agency Foundation impacts the lives of your family, friends, and neighbors.

Through your support, we can extend a helping hand to those who rely on the services of Family Hospice, UPMC Home Healthcare of Central PA, Pediatric Home Connection, the Healing Patch Children's Grief Program, the AIDS Intervention Project, and Early Intervention.

Throughout 2020, \$166,900 of your support will be used to directly impact patients, clients, and families right here in West Central Pennsylvania.

Along with the approved Mission Grants for 2020, "Your Gifts at Work" includes stories of those who have experienced the benefit of your generosity and how that helping hand came at just the right time.

*Thank you for making this possible.*



### **FAMILY HOSPICE**

**Serving people with life-limiting illnesses and their caregivers by addressing one's physical, emotional, and mental health needs**

**\$22,200** to fund the following:

- patients' emergency funding for utilities, food, air conditioners, medications, and other essential items such as bed sheets and pillows
- educational and spiritual materials for both patients and caregivers, including large-print resources
- stationery and other items for providing extended support to bereaved family members after the patient's passing
- life enrichment opportunities for patients, like an anniversary meal for a patient and spouse or a television for a patient with no other means of entertainment
- recognition of volunteers for their gifts of time and presence to support patients and caregivers
- special American flag blankets to be presented to patients who are veterans
- day-long retreat for widows in Family Hospice service area
- emergency funding for bereaved family members

#### **CONDITIONING FOR COMFORT**

As her brain cancer advanced, 13-year-old Carolina suffered from headaches that got increasingly worse with the summer heat. Your support purchased an air conditioner for Carolina's home, so that she could be as comfortable as possible in her final days of life at home with her mom and sister.

### **UPMC HOME HEALTHCARE**

**Specialized care including nursing and therapy after an injury, illness, or surgery impacts the quality of one's life**

**\$7,700** to support emergency funding of essential items for patients, such as nutritional supplements, medications, one-time funding for utility or fuel costs, and to provide weekly pill planners to support medication management in the home

#### **A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS**

A Bedford County Home Health patient was recovering from surgery in his rural home in the woods, powered only by solar panels. Diminishing sunlight in the winter months generated enough electricity to run only his refrigerator and freezer. This left him to sit in the dark or use oil lamps on occasion. Your support paid for lanterns and batteries, providing the necessary light for his home. Your support literally brought light to the darkness in this patient's life.

### **PEDIATRIC HOME CONNECTION**

**Caring for medically fragile children who are technology-dependent or dealing with chronic and life-limiting conditions**

**\$3,500** to cover additional shifts of nursing care for family respite and therapeutic items, such as special cribs and high chairs, that support the child's comfort and education

#### **AT HOME WITH TRUSTED NURSES**

Joey is a 14-year-old child with autism and seizure disorder. His grandmother is raising him, and he has also bonded with the two Pediatric Home Connection nurses who care for him regularly. Requiring nursing care and constant supervision, Joey has outbursts when his routine is disrupted. Joey's grandmother was unexpectedly hospitalized one weekend, and his insurance would not authorize payment for additional care during this time. Your support covered the costs of his regular nurses taking additional shifts so that his routine was unaffected. With your generosity, Joey remained safely and calmly at home with the nurses he trusts.

## HEALING PATCH

Providing free services for grieving children and their families at two locations, schools, and throughout the community

**\$117,000** to fund family group sessions and facilitation of in-school groups for children who do not have access to family groups or other grief resources, and recognition of volunteers who are vital to the program's operations

### GIVING A SAFE PLACE TO SHARE

After losing their dad unexpectedly, three young children began attending the Cambria Healing Patch last year with their mom. During the Family Sessions when they broke out into groups with peers their age, they were able to share their emotions and grief through projects, drama, and stories. As they met with their peers, mom met in a separate group for adults, drawing encouragement from others who understand how it feels to lose a loved one and support children through the death. She later shared that the Healing Patch has had a noticeable impact on her daughter and two sons. "They are able to attend school without having breakdowns or getting too upset. Teachers have noticed a difference." With your support, families continue to have free access to the Healing Patch to find hope and healing together.

## AIDS INTERVENTION PROJECT (AIP)

Supportive program and case management for adults with HIV/AIDS

**\$3,500** to assist with transportation, utilities, and personal and hygiene products for individuals affected by HIV/AIDS and living below the poverty level

### HOUSEHOLD NECESSITIES FOR A WORKING MOM

Grant funding for this program supports a "volunteer cupboard" of items that clients can take when needed. This is particularly valuable for a single 37-year-old working mom of three young children. She has a limited income but is able to access basic household necessities and personal care items that she may otherwise not be able to afford.

## EARLY INTERVENTION

Therapy-based program to help children ages 0-3 who are experiencing developmental delays

**\$3,000** to provide the following:

- feeding equipment, communication boards, developmental/therapeutic materials such as adapted walkers and standers for children with multiple disabilities

### EASING FINANCIAL BURDEN

Finding the right equipment for children with special needs often happens through trial and error, which can be costly for families. Your support allows families to try items before investing in them personally.

For example, a two-year-old boy with autism is prone to over-stimulation that makes sleeping and going out in public a challenge for him and his family. His family was able to try a weighted blanket and vest and found they helped him immensely. With the weighted blanket, they are now getting good rest most nights! The vest is most useful during daytime hours, such as a recent visit to a restaurant when he became disruptive. His grandmother was ready to leave the meal and go, but after his mom retrieved the weighted vest from the car, he calmed enough for them to finish their meals before leaving the restaurant.



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