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Awarded Mission Grants 2025

January 1 - December 31, 2025

UPMC HOME HEALTHCARE

Specialized care including nursing and therapy after an injury, illness, or surgery impacts quality of life

\$7,344 to support the following:

- emergency funding of essential items: nutritional supplements, one-time help for utilities or groceries, and safety items
- hospitalization prevention tools for monitoring chronic health conditions at home and supporting the use of telehealth
- skills mannequin to be used for interactive and responsive training

Gateway to Nutrition

Blair County UPMC Home Healthcare patient George* received Meals on Wheels but didn't have a microwave to warm his food. Your support purchased a counter-top microwave for George to heat his meals and get the nutrition he needs.

EARLY INTERVENTION

Therapy-based service for children ages 0-3 with developmental delays

\$3,000 to provide feeding equipment, communication tools, developmental, therapeutic, educational, and safety items for clients

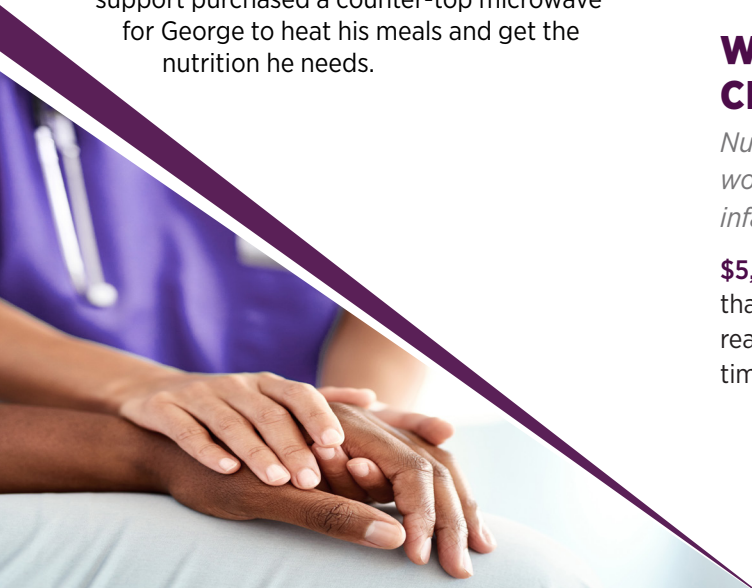
Sharing Voice

A bright 2 ½ year old, Joey* has level 2 autism and is nonverbal. With your support, Early Intervention staff purchased a voice output multi-message speech device for Joey to try. Within days of having the QuickTalker 12 device, Joey was requesting foods and favorite toys. Shortly after, he mastered two levels of vocabulary, was combining words like “more bananas,” and was carrying the device to his parents to ask for what he wanted. After seeing how well he responded, his family could justify and gain insurance approval for Joey to have a much higher tech device with access to thousands of words. Now, he uses that to ask for what he wants and socially interact with his family.

WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN (WIC)

Nutrition education and provision for pregnant women, postpartum and breastfeeding women, infants and children under age 5

\$5,000 to purchase diapers and training pants that encourage participation in WIC after a child reaches one or two years old, which is a critical time for development



FAMILY HOSPICE

Physical, emotional, and mental healthcare for patients with life-limiting illnesses and their caregivers

\$42,800 to fund the following:

- emergency funding for patients' utilities, food, medications, and essential items such as bed sheets
- educational and spiritual materials for patients and caregivers, including large-print resources
- stationery and resources to support bereaved family members
- life-enrichment opportunities like materials for a hands-on project or a special meal
- busy blankets for patients with dementia to keep their hands occupied
- individualized patient support kits
- greeting card outreach for patients
- pill planners and education to support medication management
- recognition of volunteers for their gifts of time and presence
- American flag blankets for patients who are veterans
- emergency funding and specialized support for bereaved family members

Preparing for the Unknown

The biggest fear of watching someone die is the unknown - what dying will be like or when death will occur. The booklet "Gone From My Sight" explains the process of dying from disease in a simple, gentle yet direct manner. Your donation helps to purchase these booklets for patients and caregivers to be informed about what to expect.



Comfort in Change

Transitions in care can be especially difficult for people with dementia. After moving to a facility, Family Hospice patient Celia* was separated from her cats at home and was restless and distressed in her new environment. Her inter-disciplinary team identified that a realistic and lifelike cat could bring her comfort, and your support purchased this new companion. After a recent visit, Celia's nurse shared, "The cat sat on her lap and purred and meowed as she petted it. She included the cat in our conversation where she could. She seems to enjoy the cat and treats it gently, speaking to it in a soft voice and cradling it like a baby."

*Names changed to protect confidentiality.



HEALING PATCH

Free support services for grieving children and their families

\$119,000 to fund family group sessions, in-school groups, other grief resources and education, and training/recognition of volunteers who are vital to the program's operations

Comforting Companions

Healing Patch participants Bailey and Fynnley are pictured with their memory bears for their baby sister Aspy, along with Grief Specialist/Volunteer Coordinator Shalen Steinbugl. Memory bears or pillows provide a tangible connection for a child's grief journey to the person who passed away. These are most often made from clothing or other items that belonged to the person who passed away. Over the 2023-2024 year, sewing volunteers made 66 memory bears or pillow for participants.

Thank YOU

Donations to the Home Nursing Agency Foundation offer a hand up for our most vulnerable friends and neighbors. For those raising a child with developmental delays or for anyone facing a health crisis, end of life, grief, or pregnancy, **your support matters**. These individuals and families rely on UPMC Home Healthcare, Family Hospice, the Healing Patch Children's Grief Program, WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) nutrition program, and Early Intervention.

Throughout 2025, \$187,144 of your support will be used to make a difference for those who call West Central Pennsylvania home, as you can read in the 2025 Mission Grants shared here. Also included are stories of how previous funds have impacted those in a difficult season of life.

Your gift is at work giving hope and help.