

NewYork-Presbyterian **Weill Cornell Medical Center**

Progress Report Prepared for Todd Brice

The funds you have raised to assist the oncology patients at the NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center are making a difference by providing much needed support that is traditionally not covered by insurance. We submit this report to provide you with an update on how impactful your gift is, and continues to be for patients receiving oncology care at the Medical Center.

You gift is providing assistance to a vulnerable patient population receiving life-saving care. Thank you for your partnership and for helping those in need.

Funds Distributed

Currently, transportation has been identified as the greatest need for patients, and has thus far been the sole area the funds have been used for. A corporate LYFT account was created for this purpose. In addition, parking vouchers are available for patients who have their own means of transportation but need assistance to cover the parking garage fees.

- **Total amount of funds dispersed to date** (since late April 2022): **\$2,840.00**
- **Number of patients who have benefitted from the program: 17**
(many of the recipients have benefitted multiple times)

Please know, we are just getting started. The social work team plans to continue to identify ways of helping our patients with the funds made available through this special gift.

Patient Stories

We are pleased to provide you with these two brief narratives regarding two patients who have benefitted greatly from these funds.

An elderly woman (SK) who has a limited support network was in need of transportation assistance to and from the DHK clinic to receive a PET/CT scan while her caregiver was out of town. She was not able to afford alternative means of transportation and was not able to take public transportation due to her immunocompromised state. Because of the grant, she was able to safely and seamlessly attend this appointment without stress. She was greatly appreciative!

Patient Stories continued

One of our long-time patients (MH) was residing in a Skilled Nursing Facility during a time when she needed to come to clinic for an important oncology follow-up appointment. She has transportation benefits that are covered under Medicaid, however one of the required forms to grant her this benefit had expired. This particular form can take up to 72 hours to be approved, and it was not going to be approved on time for her follow-up appointment. This is an unfortunate barrier we often face with our patients. This patient has very limited social supports and did not have the financial means to pay for transportation. Because of the resource grant, she was able to travel to and from the hematology/oncology clinic and receive crucial follow-up care.

In Gratitude

We are exceedingly grateful you have chosen to pay tribute to Ana in this meaningful way. What a beautiful legacy to ensure invaluable resources are available for cancer patients who do not have social supports. We thank you on behalf of all the patients whose lives you have touched with your generosity.