

NewYork-Presbyterian **Weill Cornell Medical Center**

The Ana Brice Family Resource Fund

Semi-Annual Progress Report Prepared for Todd Brice

The funds raised to assist the oncology patients at the NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center continue to make a difference in the lives of our patients by providing much needed support that is traditionally not covered by insurance.

We submit this report to provide you with a bi-annual update on how impactful your gift is and continues to be for patients receiving oncology care at the Medical Center.

Last spring, the fund was officially renamed **The Ana Brice Family Resource Fund**. Gifts made to this fund provide assistance for a vulnerable patient population receiving life-saving care. Thank you for your continued partnership and for helping patients in need.

Funds Distributed

Transportation assistance continues to be the greatest need for our patients. When traveling to the infusion center, patients often may not feel well enough to take public transportation or, to drive themselves to or from their appointment. LYFT rides and parking vouchers continue to be utilized for this purpose.

- **Total amount dispersed** (April 10, 2023 – October 13, 2023): **\$10,947**
- **Number of patients who have benefitted from the program: 32**
(several recipients have benefitted numerous times)
- **Total number of rides to the Medical Center: 157**

In comparison to the last reporting period (October 2022 – April 2023), **2 more patients** received aid and **35 additional rides** were made to the Medical Center.

Since the fund's inception (late April 2022), a total of **\$23,571 has been utilized to assist our patients.**

The rate of disbursement of funds is consistent with the previous report, with approximately \$10,000 of the funds being distributed every six months.

Funds Distributed continued

Similar to our last report, most of these patients used all 5 round trip rides (maximum allowed due to demand) to the clinic and found this grant incredibly helpful in accessing their care. While circumstances of each patient's needs varied, all the patients greatly needed assistance in getting to their treatments, at a time when their financial and social supports were limited.

Many of these patients were waiting for transportation benefits, such as Access-A-Ride or for their benefits through Medicaid to be initiated. The Ana Brice Family Resource Fund provided the short-term assistance our patients needed. Other patients who did not have any transportation benefits, but had great financial need, appreciated having the burden of expensive transportation to their cancer treatments lifted.

Patient Stories

We are pleased to provide you with these brief testimonials from patients who are benefitting from your generosity.

CD used the grant in September while awaiting his Medicaid to become active, so that he could use his Medicaid transportation benefits. He was unable to afford taxis to and from his clinic appointments. If it were not for the grant, he would have had to take a risk in his immunocompromised state and use public transportation. He was greatly appreciative for this resource.

SL used the grant in September as she awaited her Medicaid transportation forms to be updated. She had many pre-transplant workup appointments and if it were not for the grant, she would not have been able to attend them. This lifted a heavy burden for her, and she expressed her immense gratitude.

MH used the grant due to the high cost of taxi services and limited social support. She said: "Thank you so much for your help with the Lyft rides. It helped me out a lot."

In Gratitude

A personal message from one of our social workers on the oncology unit:

“This grant has allowed me, other social workers, and medical teams to alleviate the burden of transportation access issues for our patients in need. Since the grant's inception, we have witnessed firsthand the difference this has made for our patients. When we educate our eligible patients on this resource, we hear a sense of relief that comes with not having to worry about how they will make it to their upcoming appointments. We are forever grateful for these funds and will continue to use them to lift this burden for our patients”!

The Ana Brice Family Resource Fund is an invaluable resource to so many of our oncology patients. We are exceedingly grateful you have chosen to continue to pay tribute to Ana in this meaningful way.

Thank you on behalf of all the patients and families whose lives you have touched with your generosity.