

July 2010 Request for Emergency Assistance Funds

Dear Danberry Committee:

I am asking the Danberry Fund Committee to please consider this family for assistance. They have attempted to utilize several community resources for assistance to no avail. The family consists of 3 children and their mother. The children are ages 9, 3 and a 1 year old. All of the children are girls. The mother in this instance is separated from her husband (the father of the 2 youngest children) and is living in Bellevue, Ohio.

The oldest child (age 9) is diagnosed with ALL (Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia) and began treatment in August of 2009. The child did not respond well to the initial treatment and more than likely will need a bone marrow transplant in the future. Her treatment pattern right now is inpatient chemotherapy for approximately 5 consecutive days per month with weekly office visits for physicals and labs.

The patient's mother does not work and is receiving SSI related to a mental health disability (her income is fixed).

Recently, she was informed by Huron County Jobs and Family Services that they made a mistake with her (Mom's) Ohio Medicaid and paid some medical bills that they shouldn't have. As a result of this, they are not paying her Social Security benefits until they are reimbursed \$4000. Mom said that she will not receive a Social Security check until September.

Mom has received assistance from The Danberry Treasure Chest previously in October of 2009. The fund paid out \$1103.63 for her electric bill, water bill, and rent. She is again facing disconnection of her electric bill and needs \$213.00 to stop that from happening. She has used the maximum of 3 medical certifications in an effort to catch this up, but with the loss of the major part of her income, she cannot pay it.

Huron County Jobs and Family Services do help Mom with gas cards to get to and from doctor/hospital appointments. The cards are strictly based on those appointments and cover only the amount of gas it takes to get from Bellevue to Toledo Children's Hospital and back home. Mom also has to drive the 9 year old child to tutoring on a daily basis (to the library in Bellevue) five days per week. Mom has to go to counseling and psychiatric appointments in Norwalk, where she and her 9 year old receive services monthly. She also needs gas to take care of every day issues like grocery shopping and doctor appointments for the other two children.

Finally, the patient's mother called last night and left a message that she only has 6 minutes left on her phone. It is a pay per minute plan and she does not have any money to purchase more minutes.

I would like to request \$213.00 payable to Ohio Edison for the family's electric bill. I understand that in most circumstances a vendor is needed to process a check for assistance. I am hoping in this case that the committee would make an exception for this family. I am asking that the remainder of the allowed amount, \$183.37, be paid directly to the patient's mother so that she can use it to purchase phone minutes, gas, and groceries. I will continue to assist them as much as I am able and am in the process of finding a cellular company that will give a phone to them at no charge to use in case of a medical emergency.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

June, 2010 Request for Emergency Assistance Funds

I am writing with a Danberry Request for an 11 month old little girl who has very severe brain abnormalities and developmental delays. She has seizures and has poor vision and hearing. Her condition is terminal and her family has made her a DNR. She was recently at TCH for several weeks and her condition was very serious and her family was not sure if she would make it.

The family consists of her parents and two siblings ages 3 and 4. Due to this hospitalization her parents both took off from their jobs to be with her. When they miss work they do not get paid. This led to them getting behind on their bills.

I have looked into other resources to help with household bills and there are none available. I have linked them with Early Intervention which has funds to assist with needs directly related to her care but not household needs.

I am requesting the following:

400.00 car payment

615.00 rent

160.00 electric bill

285.00 phone bill

Total: 1460.00

Please contact me with any questions and thanks for your consideration!

May, 2010 Request for Emergency Assistance Funds

I am writing to tell you of a family who is in need of your assistance. This family unit consists of a mother and father and two children, one of which has recently had a relapse of Neuroblastoma in the brain. The patient was originally diagnosed in November of 2005 and underwent extensive treatment which ended in March of 2007. The patient relapsed in February of 2010.

When the patient was initially diagnosed with cancer, his mother had to quit her job as an in-home Daycare provider. His father worked through a local union and then was laid off for a period of time but is now working. The parents have informed me that they were just getting caught up with their debt from the previous treatment when their son relapsed. The patient's mother had her in-home Daycare going and the father was working. Since their child's relapse, the mother has had to close the in-home Daycare and go down to one income again. The patient is again undergoing aggressive treatment and has had several long hospital stays (for treatment and side effects of treatment). The family has relied on extended family to assist with their other child. They have asked family members to assist with paying the gas and electric bills but no one has been able to help (some of them are unemployed due to lay-offs). It was the mother's income that had been paying the utilities. The family has contacted The Salvation Army and local churches in Wauseon, but there is not any assistance available at this time. With the return of warmer weather, the family is not anticipating large utility bills again until next winter.

I am asking the Danberry Fund Committee to please consider this family for assistance. They have attempted to utilize several community resources for assistance and have not been successful. I would request \$377.52 payable to Toledo Edison and \$844.40 payable to The Ohio Gas Company. The patient's mother understands that she will receive a 1099 at the end of the year and that she may need to pay tax on any amount issued on her behalf.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this family.