

Dear HealthWell,

Even before COVID-19, it was difficult getting my husband the medical care he needs. Kenneth battles pulmonary hypertension, COPD and liver cancer. He's also had two heart attacks. We regularly have to drive nearly four hours to the University of Michigan for his appointments, and because Kenneth has numerous conditions, we have to coordinate with seven different doctors. And everything costs something.

When I was temporarily laid off from my job due to COVID-19, the worries got overwhelming. Kenneth's conditions put him at high risk of contracting the disease and we had to limit the time he might be exposed. We needed a back-up plan. I thought to myself, 'What will we do if I can't afford gas? How can we afford to board the dogs while we are gone for his procedures? What about groceries?' Our entire life became uncertain.

Thanks to HealthWell's generous gift, my heart is less burdened with the 'what if?' and 'how can we?' and I can concentrate on caring for the person I love with my whole heart. What makes this gift truly special is that it comes from compassionate people pitching in what they can. That tells us people really are coming together to help out during these scary times; people really are looking out for us. We can't tell you how much that means in a time like this. We are going to be OK and we are so grateful!

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