NEW FUNDS, NEW FEATURES, NEW FACILITY!
A Message From HealthWell Foundation President, Krista Zodet

As we ring in the New Year and continue to dig out from "Snowzilla," I'd like to begin our first 2016 edition of The Pulse by saying THANK YOU! The entire HealthWell Team and I would like to thank our donors whose generous contributions made it possible for us to assist more than 33,000 underinsured Americans in 2015. I'm honored to share with you that as of December 31st, HealthWell has provided a financial lifeline to more than 225,000 patients who turned to us when they thought accessing lifesaving medications and treatments was out of their reach. We couldn't have done this without your continued generosity.

The HealthWell team had a busy 2015! We launched six new funds, across a wide range of disease states. I'll share more details in the Fund Updates section later on in this issue.

Along with the new fund launches, we successfully implemented program enhancements to make it even easier - and faster - for patients, providers and pharmacies to apply for and manage their HealthWell grants. New capabilities include an improved online application and instant approvals when applying either online or by phone. Learn more in the Program Updates section.

Last but not least, HealthWell is heading north! I'm thrilled to share the news that the team will soon be operating out of our new facility in beautiful Germantown, Maryland. We plan to be settled-in within the next few weeks and we'll be updating our website and other communications to reflect this exciting change, so be on the lookout!

PROGRAM UPDATES

In the summer of 2015, we rolled out instant approvals for eligible grant applicants. This enhancement allows patients and providers to learn if they are approved for a HealthWell grant immediately when they apply. Our grant applicants
can now enjoy the convenience of this exciting new feature and streamlined application both online or by calling our hotline at 1-800-675-8416.

We also added a new online re-enrollment feature. Previously, grant recipients were only able to re-enroll when calling our hotline. This new capability allows patients and providers to re-enroll easily with only a few clicks.

At the end of 2015, we surveyed our provider and pharmacy network to gather feedback on our program. The survey was a huge success with more than 400 responses. Thank you to those who took the time to participate. Based on your responses, we have been able to gather valuable insights into future enhancements to our program. Stay tuned for new and refined features in the months to come.

Finally, our Real World Health Care (RWHC) blog, now followed by over 23,000 health care industry leaders, recently shifted its focus to share ideas and insights from researchers on the forefront of real-world medical breakthroughs. We just concluded our first series on personalized medicine and companion diagnostics. Earlier in January, we rolled out our newest series on the implication of the use of big data in health care. We'll be launching our next series in a few weeks, so stay tuned for more informative posts!

**FUND UPDATES**

In 2015, generous donations made it possible for us to launch six new funds in the areas of urea cycle disorders, pulmonary fibrosis, hepatitis C, multiple myeloma (Medicare access), renal cell carcinoma (Medicare access) and cystic fibrosis. Earlier this month, we were pleased to announce the opening of a new fund to provide copayment assistance to patients suffering with diabetic foot ulcers. Our enhanced online features make it easy to determine if you are eligible for a grant in one of these disease areas or another HealthWell Fund. Learn more about our funds by visiting our Diseases and Medications page. Keep in mind that our list of open funds is real-time and can vary based on funding available, so remember to check the list often.

"Thanks for giving me the money that pays for the growth hormones I need to take. They are really helping me. I am now able to go on the big roller coasters! I just started 4th grade and my friends were so surprised when they saw how much I have grown. I am eternally grateful!" - Ella

"Thank you so much for your generous gift. The $5,000 you granted our family has allowed us to continue our daughter's growth hormone medication. Ella was diagnosed with Turner Syndrome 5 months into my pregnancy. She is now a thriving nine year old who is about to enter the Accelerated Learning Program for 4th grade (the class for the smarty pants"
WANT TO KNOW HOW YOU CAN HELP MORE PEOPLE LIKE ELLA?

Our donors are the lifeblood of HealthWell and it's because of you that adults and children (just like Ella) have access to the critical medications they need to manage chronic and life-altering conditions. There are many ways you can support our important work and make a real difference.

1. Make a general donation.
2. Donate in the name of a friend or loved one.
3. Plan a donation in your will.
4. Change a child's life by donating to the Pediatric Assistance Fund.
5. Spread the word about the important work we do by telling us your HealthWell story.

kids!). Although her mind is sharp and her friendships are deep, she feels a step behind her peers since her body is closer to the size of a six year old. She is so excited to grow! Even enduring a daily shot is worth it in her opinion and it is starting to pay off. This summer she finally got a chance to ride all the big roller coasters at our local amusement park! You helped make that possible. Without you, we never could have afforded a medication that costs $3,000 a month. I can't say thank you enough to your organization and its contributors. Thank you for your generosity. May God bless you in your noble work."

Shanalee (Ella's mom)

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