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Make Life a Little Easier for Sick Children This #GivingTuesday

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Cyndi from Midland, TX didn't know how she was going to pay for the asthma medication her son Ethan desperately needed. Feeling like nothing was going right and not knowing where to turn, she was on the verge of losing hope. Then something dramatic happened that would change everything. Cyndi discovered the HealthWell Foundation:



Cyndi didn't know how she was going to afford asthma medication for her son Ethan (right) until she applied to the HealthWell Foundation for financial assistance.

Our son was born very sick. He spent 5 weeks in the NICU, 2 of which were on a ventilator. When we finally brought him home, we knew I had to stay home with him. If we put him in daycare, we knew he would get sick and that would be hard on his lungs. With me not working, it put a huge cloud over our finances. We quickly found out that his asthma medication was not cheap, even with insurance. I also found out that there isn't a lot of help for people who have insurance and a decent job. I spent hours and hours on the Internet and the phone trying to find some help. One day I found HealthWell. We applied thinking we would be denied. The day I got the acceptance letter in the mail, I sat on the kitchen floor and cried. I felt a sense of relief. Finally, something was going right. We cannot be more grateful for all the help HealthWell has given us.

When you give to HealthWell's Pediatric Assistance Fund for #GivingTuesday, you will make a difference for children who have been diagnosed with a chronic or life-altering condition, just in time for the holidays. Every penny of your

donation will help us provide financial assistance to patients so they can afford the rising cost of care:

- To date, HealthWell has awarded more than 274,000 grants to insured adults and children across all of our funds to help them afford treatments.
- In just two months, we awarded grants of up to \$5,000 to more than 20 families.

No family should ever have to wonder whether they can afford to save their child's life. By giving to the Pediatric Assistance Fund, you will help us remain a lifeline for families so they can afford life-saving treatment for their sick children.

Your gift will help ensure that families with children who have chronic conditions – including leukemia, cystic fibrosis, or juvenile diabetes – are not forced to choose between paying the bills and affording quality care. Here's a breakdown of how donations, large and small, will have a tangible impact:

- \$10 covers the cost of diabetes test strips for Michael for one month.
- \$45 supports Yessenia's pituitary hormone treatment for 1 week.
- \$75 covers Quinnlian's lesion treatment for immunosuppressive disease for one month.

Start the holidays off right by donating to HealthWell for #GivingTuesday and make life a little easier for more families like Ethan's. Your gift will make the season brighter for children and families struggling to afford the medications or treatments they need.

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