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AWARDED MISSION GRANTS 2026

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UPMC HOME HEALTHCARE

Specialized care including nursing and therapy after an injury, illness, or surgery impacts quality of life

\$5,800 to support the following:

- emergency funding of essential items: nutritional supplements, one-time help for utilities or groceries, and safety items
- hospitalization prevention tools for monitoring chronic health conditions at home and supporting the use of telehealth

Monitoring Chronic Conditions

Through your support, UPMC Home Healthcare patients with chronic conditions have access to scales, blood pressure cuffs, and pulse oximeters to monitor their own health metrics. Identifying changes early on and making adjustments can prevent emergency room visits and re-hospitalizations.



FAMILY HOSPICE

Physical, emotional, and mental healthcare for patients with life-limiting illnesses and their caregivers

\$41,100 to fund the following:

- emergency funding for patients' utilities, food, medications, and essential items such as bed sheets
- educational and spiritual materials for patients and caregivers, including large-print resources
- stationery and resources to support bereaved family members
- life-enrichment opportunities like materials for a hands-on project or a special meal
- busy blankets for patients with dementia to keep their hands occupied
- greeting card outreach for patients
- pill planners and education to support medication management
- volunteer recognition
- American flag blankets for patients who are veterans
- emergency funding and specialized support for bereaved family members
- meaningful Celebration of Life events

A Helping Hand

Along with grieving the death of her husband, Donna* was also juggling the financial stress of reduced income and her husband's outstanding medical bills. Your support purchased a gift card for groceries to alleviate some of this pressure and help Donna to not feel alone.



Celebrating Our Veterans

Your support allows Family Hospice patients who are veterans to receive a blanket, certificate, and lapel pin in recognition. Volunteer & Bereavement Coordinator Daun Boyle shares, "We have had patients cry when receiving their flag blanket and many thank-yous. Families have draped the blankets at the bottom of coffins and pinned the pins to their lapels."

WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN (WIC)

Nutrition education and provision for pregnant women, postpartum and breastfeeding women, infants, and children under age 5

\$5,000 to purchase diapers and training pants that encourage participation in WIC after a child reaches one or two years old, which is a critical time for development

EARLY INTERVENTION

Therapy-based service for children ages 0-3 with developmental delays

\$3,000 to provide feeding equipment, communication tools, developmental, therapeutic, educational, and safety items for clients

Giving Independence

Diagnosed with a genetic syndrome that includes various complications, 19-month-old Maya* is a spirited child who wants to walk. With Early Intervention helping her since she was four months old, Maya has been developing the mobility, strength, and balance to one day move independently. Your support has equipped her for future success, as grant funds purchased knee immobilizers to help her work on full weight bearing, a posterior walker, and foam mat tiles to protect her as she knee walks and crawls. Funds also purchased materials to make her a food choice board so that she can choose her favorite foods while working on communication.

*Names changed to protect confidentiality.



HEALING PATCH

Free support services for grieving children and their families

\$119,000 to fund family group sessions, in-school groups, other grief resources and education, and training/recognition of volunteers who are vital to the program's operations

Patch Club In-School Groups

At this Patch Club at Saint Michael Catholic School in Loretto, Healing Patch Volunteer Michele Marcinko read the story *How Full is Your Bucket*, leading to discussions on students' drips and drops. The activity addresses feelings, managing difficult emotions, self-awareness, and supporting others. One parent shared the best aspect of the Healing Patch was "bringing my son back to me because he was so sad, and now I can see him getting better and smiling again."



Thank YOU



Donations to the Home Nursing Agency Foundation offer an opportunity for freedom and a safety net for our most vulnerable friends and neighbors. For those facing a health crisis, end of life, grief, or financial strain while raising young children, **your support matters**. These individuals and families rely on UPMC Home Healthcare, Family Hospice, the Healing Patch Children's Grief Program, WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) nutrition program, and Early Intervention.

Throughout 2026, \$183,900 of your support will be used to make a difference for those who call West Central Pennsylvania home, as you can read in the 2026 Mission Grants shared here. Also included are stories of how previous grants have changed lives in our communities.

Your gift is at work - bringing hope and help to those who need it most.