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Assisting patients and families since 1984

The Warren Grant Magnuson Clinical Center, the research hospital of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), conducts cutting edge clinical research. Each year, thousands of patients from around the world are admitted to participate in clinical research studies. They play a vital role in the quest for knowledge about human health and disease.

During their treatment at NIH, many of these patients must leave behind family and friends who have supported them. Concerns of finding a successful treatment are combined with the fear of financial constraints due to extensive time away from home or work. This can have a severe impact on families. Some face the hardship of losing homes, having utilities disconnected, and being unable to afford medical equipment.

Founded in 1984, the Friends of the Clinical Center is a private, nonprofit, charitable organization that provides emergency financial aid to NIH patients and their families. Emergency aid is provided on a case-by-case basis to assist with such necessities as mortgage payments, utility bills, and transportation costs.

As you can see by the following testimonials from some patients, their families, and Social Workers, The

I thank you with all my heart for the assistance that you gave me. Sometimes it feels like there is no other way out except to give up, but people like you make a difference

I always thought my life has been so difficult since my eyes have had uveitis and I have been all alone since my husband died. I have been proven wrong by your decision to help me with my rent. I did not think it possible and I still can't believe it.

I would like to thank the friends for paying my mortgage this month. I was off work for several weeks due to illness and was unable to keep up with my bill. Now I don't have that worry hanging over my head. Life seems easier now. Thank you again

Thank you very much for the donation to help for the jobst extremity pump. I really appreciate friends like you especially in times like these. I only hope that someday I too am able to return the favor.

I want to take the time to let you know how much I needed and appreciated your loving kindness with the check you assisted me with. Being unable to work for the past 9 months really put me behind with my obligations. God spared me from losing my home and I am forever grateful.

From a Clinical Center Social Worker -

"Over the past many years, I have solicited your help for families in crises both over their child's medical needs and the desperate financial state they find themselves in as a result. Each time, you reviewed their applications rapidly and with professionalism. There aren't adequate words to describe the relief that parents feel when they can focus 100% on their sick, often terminally ill child and not on whether or not they will have a home, water, or electricity to return to. Your work can not be commended enough. Thank you for all the families that you have helped in the past and for those you will assist in years to come."

Patient Stories



FOCC board member Margo Bradford, Phyllis Harris-Huff, Patrick Huff, FOCC Executive Director Heidi Grolig.

*Imagine hearing these words from a doctor...ITS CANCER
Now imagine how it would feel if the doctor was talking about YOUR CHILD...*

Hi. My name is Phyllis Harris-Huff and those are the words I heard when the doctor diagnosed my son Patrick with Thyroid Cancer a few days before his 21st birthday in August of 2009. Thyroid Cancer is about 97% curable is what we were told.

Over the next several months Patrick had two surgeries, numerous scans, was on a low-iodine diet and one radioactive iodine treatment, all to no avail. It was then that his doctor told us "There is nothing else we can do for him; we have no other treatment options for him. Patrick is in the 3%." She then began searching diligently for a research facility that would accept him as a patient and that's when we were contacted by the NIH, National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland.

We have been so impressed with everything they do at the NIH that we want to "give something back". From the parking attendants, the administrators, the nurses, the doctors and all the volunteers, they TRULY care about your family member.

On Sunday, August 22nd, 2010 we held our first annual fund raiser called "Beer & Beef with PATRICK" in honor of his continued fight against cancer. Over \$6,500 was raised, all the proceeds will go to Friends of the Clinical Center.

Phyllis Harris-Huff

P.S. People always ask us "why are you doing this?" The reason for doing this fund raiser is because we are so FORTUNATE to live only 50 miles from the NIH. Most patients and their families travel hundreds or thousands of miles for treatments. We just need to "give something back".



Volunteer Spotlight

Charles Butler— FOCC Vice President

Since retiring as a recreation therapy supervisor in the Rehabilitation Medicine Department, Charles has been a constant supporter of the NIH charities and most of their activities. He currently serves as Vice President of the Friends of the Clinical Center, on the Ambassador Program for Special Love/Camp Fantastic, and Teen Retreat for Children's Inn. We can find Charles' smiling face and helping hands at most R&W events on and off campus! In his free time he also assists in the planning and implementation of monthly patient parties sponsored by the Recreation Therapy section of the Rehabilitation Medicine Department.

He is current president of the Chesapeake section of the American Camp Association, which includes all accredited camps in MD and DC, and as a certified camp visitor who assists camps in the certification process.

Charles also served a three year elected term on the National American Camp Association board of directors, as well as on the planning committee for the VIP day at the Montgomery County Fair. This is a program for children with life threatening illnesses and their families.

Charles has been the Assistant Chair of the DC Commission on Persons With Disabilities.

He is a Board member for Really Awesome Times, Camp Funshine. This organization provides recreational respite and other support programs for HIV positive young people and their families.

Charles has also been a Board member of the Institute for Career and Leisure Development.

FOCC is lucky to have volunteers who put in as much time and energy as Charles does every day.

*"Friends of the Clinical Center helped pay our bills when I was so sick and my mom was able to stay by my side."
Travis C., NIH patient*

"We have been so impressed with everything they do at the NIH that we want to "give something back".

Events

TO VOLUNTEER OR ATTEND ANY OF THE FOLLOWING EVENTS

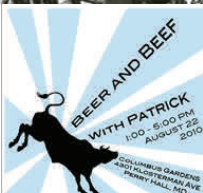
Contact FOCC at 301-402-0193 or groligh@mail.nih.gov

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Women, Wine and Fashion VIP nights at Bloomingdales

Join us at Bloomingdales White Flint Mall from 6:30 to 8:30 for wine, hors' d'oeuvres, fashion show and great discounts with a percentage of purchases going to the NIH charities.

Harvest of Love Celebration

Share in an evening of great friends, entertainment, food and cash bar. We will be dancing and singing along to the live tunes of Steve Brewer-concert experience. All proceeds to benefit FOCC and Special Love/Camp Fantastic!

For tickets go to www.FOCCcharity.org “events” or email FOCC

Bethesda Row Arts Festival

Artists from all over the world display and sell their work for two fabulous days! Music, kids activities and food vendors make this a fun event for the whole family.

How you can help: * Volunteer at our Spin art table

Shop at the NIH Charities tent for discounted art pieces with proceeds going to the NIH Charities.

Holiday Gift Wrap Center at White Flint Mall

How you can help: * Become a team captain and run a night of gift wrapping * Volunteer to wrap gifts or run the front desk * Help coordinate volunteers * Help with set-up
Weekends in December 12– 10pm, Daily - Dec. 17 to 24th, Christmas eve 12-5.

Ringling Bros. & Barnum Bailey Circus Night to benefit NIH Charities

March—special pre-opening night !

Join us under the big top for a special night of fun and help send a kid to the circus!!

How you can help: * buy tickets *sell tickets *sponsor a needy child to attend

Friends of the Clinical Center Annual golf tournament at Montgomery Country Club

Join us for a morning of golf, continental breakfast, lunch cookout, great prizes !

How you can help: * Corporate Sponsorships available * Play with a foursome * Donate an item for the silent auction * procure sponsorships and auction items * volunteer at our event

Mark Moseley Celebrity Golf tournament at Raspberry Falls Golf Club

Spend a fantastic day of golf with local sports and news celebrities along with us!

How you can help: * Corporate Sponsorships available * Play with a foursome * Donate an item for the silent or live auctions * help procure sponsorships and auction items

Beer and Beef with Patrick to benefit FOCC

Come and join us for this great annual benefit celebration with Patrick's family and friends - Fabulous buffet dinner and raw oyster bar. DJ, dancing. In honor of Patrick and to benefit FOCC. See “events” page on website for tickets

Comcast Film Festival

Join us for free movies under the stars—bring a picnic basket or enjoy the many food vendors. Great event for the whole family!

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Annual Report-

Friends of the Clinical Center (FOCC) provides financial assistance to patients, and their families, faced with emergencies triggered by participation in research protocols at the National Institutes of Health Clinical Center.

Funding Summary

FOCC on average provides support for 55 to 70 funding requests from all of the NIH Institutes for an average of \$65,000.00 to \$70,000.00. Requests from families of pediatric patients make up between 25% to 45% of the recipients and requests from adult patients make up 55% to 75% of the recipients. Many of these adult patients support children and other family members. These percentages and amounts vary from year to year depending on need. This is just a sample of our funding from a past year....

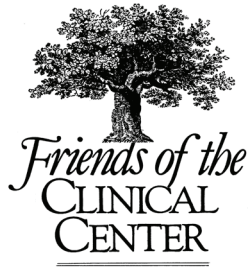
Category	# of patients requesting help*	Average amount per patient request, per category	Total by Category
Housing	40	\$1,268.94	\$ 50,757.79
Utilities	16	\$437.06	\$ 6,992.98
Transportation	6	\$979.16	\$5,874.97
Other	4	\$371.00	\$ 1,484.00
Medical	2	\$318.37	\$636.74
TOTAL			\$65,746.48

* Some requests were for payments in two or more categories

The majority of requests were for assistance with housing expenses, i.e., rent and mortgage payments. Transportation requests included airline tickets and payments towards auto loans, insurance, and repairs. Medical expenses include assistance with insurance premiums and other medical-related expenses. Other includes expenses for storage, shipping personal items, wheelchairs, and non-medical aid.

The chart below summarizes financial support to patients by Institute:

number of requests	Institute	\$ totals	% of \$ total
24	National Cancer Institute (NCI)	\$30,265.81	46%
21	National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI)	\$19,875.65	30%
4	National Institute of Allergies and Infectious Disease (NIAID)	\$4,749.93	7%
2	National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI)	\$1,323.16	2%
2	National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS)	\$3,959.81	6%
1	National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases(NIDDK)	\$350.00	.05%
1	National Institute of Child health and Human Development (NICHD)	\$947.44	1%



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- * Provides emergency aid to patients and their families
- * Reduces financial stress related to illness and medical treatment
- * Works with Clinical Center social workers on a case by case basis
- * A private non-profit charity
- * Supports research at the National Institutes of Health Clinical Center

SHOW YOUR FRIENDSHIP !

- ** Volunteer at our special events
- ** Designate FOCC in the Combined Federal Campaign #85994
- ** Donate to FOCC—P.O. Box 340139, Bethesda, MD 20827



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