

CHESTER COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT PROPOSAL SUMMARY SHEET

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Note: If Philanthropy Network's Common Grant Application is used, CCCF's **Summary Sheet MUST accompany application.**

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Date

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Organization Information:

Field/s of Interest:

___ Arts, Culture & Humanities ___ Environment/Animal Welfare ___ Education
___ Health ___X___ Human Services ___ Religion

Mission: The Kelly Anne Dolan Memorial Fund lightens the burdens and lifts the spirits of families caring for children living with illnesses, disabilities, and injuries, while respecting the dignity of families in need and celebrating life. We provide financial assistance and direct support for needs not covered by insurance and a variety of respite programs for families residing in or children receiving care in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware. We also advocate for and provide educational resources to families nationwide.

Geographic Area Served (If not all of Chester County, specify primary Chester County regions served):

Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware

Describe Population Served & Annual Number of People Served:

We serve families with critically ill, injured, and sick children. In a typical year, we serve over 500 families through our financial assistance, holiday, food insecurity, and Kolbe hopeful nights programs. Typically, 10%-15% of those families reside in Chester County.

Annual Budget \$ 698,387 # of Full-Time Equivalent Paid Staff 4
62.3% % of budget for program expenses 17 # of Board Volunteers
34.2 % of budget for administrative expenses 200 # of Active Non-Board Volunteers
3 % of budget for fundraising expenses 1000 # of Volunteer Hours
100 % total

Top 3-5 funding sources: Fundraising Events, Fall Appeal, Tamanend Middle School partnership

Is this grant proposal for: Capacity Building ___ or General Operating X ___?

If Capacity Building Proposal, the focus is:

___ Mission, Vision & Strategy ___ Governance & Leadership ___ Partnerships & Collaborations
___ Fundraising, Development & Marketing ___ Technology Other: _____

Grant Amount Requested from the Community Foundation: \$ _____ 7500 _____

Proposal Summary:

Imagine...

Grace, your nine-year-old neighbor, was diagnosed with leukemia. Her mom must quit her job in order to accompany *Grace* to two years of treatments. The family is considering moving because they can no longer afford their mortgage on one income.

Justin, your nephew is diagnosed with autism and communicates with the help of a specialized, very-expensive device. He's made huge strides this school year and his therapists believe summer camp would be beneficial to his progress, but it's cost-prohibitive for the family.

Jordan, your grandchild, is diagnosed with a rare chromosomal disorder treated only with an expensive experimental therapy that your son's insurance will no longer cover. Your son and daughter-in-law just asked you to provide full-time childcare so that they can divert daycare money to Jordan's prescription. It's either that, or they'll have to move across the country to a lower-cost city.

The reality is, whether it is your own child, grandchild, a friend's or co-worker's child, or a neighbor, we all know someone who has been impacted by childhood illness, injury, or disability. We all have witnessed the financial and emotional pressures of these medical diagnoses.

For 47 years, the Kelly Anne Dolan Memorial Fund has provided financial and emotional support for families with ill, injured, and disabled children who either live in or are being treated in the Delaware Valley. Our social worker coordinates with pediatric medical professionals and therapists in order to identify families who need financial support.

We are requesting \$7,500 for our financial assistance program. We will earmark this money for Chester County families with critically ill, injured, and disabled children who are struggling the financial pressures of having a sick child. Our financial assistance program pays for all of the things that insurance does not cover including mortgages, rent, for groceries, experimental treatments, adaptive equipment, and hotel stays near treatment centers thus allowing families to focus on the health of their child and not on the associated financial burden.

1. Nonprofit's history, goals, key achievements & distinctiveness

In 1976, Joe and Peggy Dolan founded the Kelly Anne Dolan Memorial Fund in memory of their daughter, Kelly Anne, who died at the age of six after a five-year battle with a rare form of leukemia.

While Kelly was being cared for at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, the Dolans met countless other parents of children with chronic and critical diseases and disabilities. These families' resources were being completely drained by increased out-of-pocket expenses, hospital parking/food, child-care for healthy siblings, and time off from work to care for their sick children. The Dolans created the Dolan Fund to provide financial assistance to help families caring for children with special healthcare needs. The organization has expanded since 1976 to provide a range of assistance programs. Now almost 50 years later, the Dolan Fund has helped more than 35,000 families in crisis.

The Kelly Anne Dolan Memorial Fund's mission is to help families caring for children with serious illnesses, disabilities, or injuries. We provide financial assistance for needs not covered by insurance, family fun days, in-kind donations, and assistance with travel to families who reside in or are coming for world renowned treatment in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware; we advocate for and provide education and information to families nationwide.

The Kelly Anne Dolan Memorial Fund assists families caring for children with a diagnosed serious illness, injury, or severe disability; and who are experiencing financial challenges as a direct result of expenses related to the child's illness, injury, or disability. Uniquely we are not disease specific, helping children with *all* serious disorders or disabilities.

With your grant you will help children residing in Chester County like Colby. He is a wonderful boy of 13 who was born a musculoskeletal disorder and, like most of the children we assist, he has multiple health related conditions that affect the quality of his life. Most notably Colby has frequent hospital visits to address the sprains and bone breaks that are a symptom of his condition.

Colby's mother, like 49% of our families, is a single parent working a low paying job. 66% of our families make less than \$25,000/year. Colby requires regular medical appointments and therapies as part of his treatment due to his complicated health conditions. As with 74% of our parents, his mother must miss work resulting in lost wages to take Colby to appointments and to be with him while he is hospitalized. Due to these circumstances, she often has difficulty paying her monthly bills.

For families like theirs not being able to pay your bills is not only a financial worry but it can be life threatening for the child. If they are unable to pay their rent, they may become evicted from their apartment or if they are unable to pay their car payment, they may have their car repossessed and no way to attend therapies. Insurance will pay for the therapies for Colby, but it will not pay for the mode of transportation to get there, and the requisite time required of Colby's mother ... the Kelly Anne Dolan Memorial Fund will.

We know that the struggles of the families we serve ebb and flow depending on the healthcare needs of their children. Thus, we follow the children as they grow and offer help periodically as it is needed. We also offer additional programs to help lessen the emotional burdens of their struggles.

KADMF has a 4/4 rating on Charity Navigator. We recently won Best Charity in Fort Washington.

Over the years we measured our impact by the number of families we served each year. Since 1976 we have served over 35,000 families.

We measure the outputs of our objectives using data gathered from the application our portal that healthcare professionals fill out online for their patients; data obtained from surveys completed by

healthcare professionals and families; and informal feedback from families and healthcare professionals.

There is more to achieving positive health outcomes than the medicine a child may take. The support of their family; their ability to get to medical appointments; having and keeping stable and safe housing; and having the necessary adaptive and life sustaining equipment and the ability to use that equipment - all of these and more affect the health outcomes of a child. We serve some of the sickest children, who have multiple, chronic health conditions that may not only negatively affect the quality of their life but are often life threatening. What is taken for granted by many: electricity, water, safe housing, are not guaranteed essential needs for the families we serve. The Kelly Anne Dolan Memorial Fund is here to help these families make sure their children have the best care and the best quality of life that they can. Your grant will help give these families hope for the future.

2. Funding request

The most vulnerable children are those that are suffering from serious illnesses, injuries, and severe disabilities, such as: leukemia; rare genetic disorders; hemophilia, liver, and kidney diseases; and cerebral palsy. The families of these children encounter both financial and emotional burdens while caring for a chronically ill child. A study reported in *Maternal Child Health* found that 40% of families caring for children with special healthcare needs experienced financial burdens related to their child's condition and that these financial problems were associated with poor child health status.



An email we received from a recipient family best expresses the effect we have on our families: *"Thank you for your help in our time of need. I have to take so many unpaid days off from work to care for Natalie, and being a single mom, well, it's always a struggle. Thank you. We appreciate your help with our electric and gas bill. Mostly, it's nice to know there are people who care. God Bless."*

We are requesting \$7,500 to be earmarked for families from Chester County. Families are referred to us by their health care professionals, therapists, and school team who verifies that there is legitimate need. Our program coordinator then works to pay bills directly to the utility company, health care facility, or other service provider.

We receive far more requests for financial assistance than we are able to fulfill. The reality is that these requests are constant and perpetual. Funds granted to us are immediately turned around to support the families who we serve.

We will keep careful record of the families whom we have served in Chester County with grant money received from your organization. We will be able to provide you with the number of families reached by the grant, the nature of the children's disability or illness, and the specific type of financial support we provided. We know that you will feel proud of the way that the Chester County Community Foundation's gift was stewarded to meet the needs of your neighbors at such a trying time in their life.