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Lynnda Laubach Breast Cancer Awareness Ride

General Purpose Statement

The Lynnda Laubach Breast Cancer Awareness Fund is a short term emergency fund to help breast cancer patients whose cancer diagnosis has made it difficult to afford basic living needs.

Bikers riding together with the goal of helping breast cancer patients and survivors improve their quality of life today and into the future.

I. Eligibility Criteria

1. Breast Cancer patients in cancer treatment.
2. Must complete application.
3. Maximum award - - \$1,000 per 12 month period.
4. Applications accepted until funds are exhausted.
5. Life time limit of three grants per patient.
6. Criteria subject to change at the discretion of the Lynnda Laubach Breast Cancer Awareness fund committee.
7. **Exceptions to the above criteria may be appropriate in extraordinary situations as determined by hospital breast care coordinators.**

II. Criteria for Applicants Requiring Assistance

Patient's situation may include one or more of the following:

1. Utility shut-off notice.
2. Eviction notice.
3. Medical bills or durable goods not covered by insurance.
4. Rent or mortgage payment.
5. Other similar living expenses.

Once expenses have been approved, invoices will be submitted for payment. Distribution of checks may take 14-21 days to process.

III. Expenses Not Covered by the Lynnda Laubach Breast Cancer Awareness Fund

1. Grants paid directly to an individual or patient.
2. Legal fees.
3. Bills or invoices not in the patient's name.
4. Tuition or school loans.
5. Mortgage payments when home is in foreclosure.



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6. Elective expenses such as call waiting, long distance calls, cell phones (unless the cell phone is the primary phone), or cable TV.

IV. Application Process

1. Download eligibility criteria and application from the Lynnda Laubach Breast Cancer Awareness website: www.TheBreastCancerRide.org
2. Contact Mercy & Unity Hospital's Nurse Coordinator (763-236-5623) or Regions Hospital's Nurse Coordinator (651-254-4609) to set up an *in person* appointment.¹
3. Patient should bring a completed application and copies of bills/invoices to appointment.
4. Nurse coordinator will assess patient's financial needs.
5. Payment of bills/invoices may take from 14-21 days to reach intended parties.

¹ The Mercy and Unity Hospital Nurse Coordinator is available for appointments on Mondays between 3:30 and 4:30pm.