

Turning Hope Into Cures

Amazing medical breakthroughs, new diagnoses and treatments result from the contributions of patients, doctors and researchers at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). They give their all every day in the hope that their efforts will give again – in the form of new treatments and discoveries that could benefit each of us and generations yet to come.

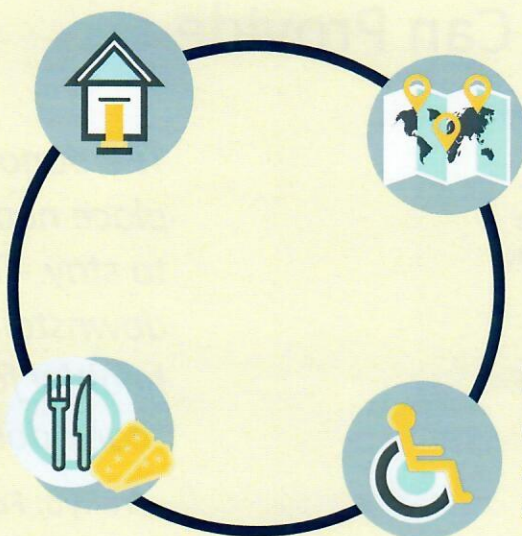
Imagine your child suffers from a chronic life-threatening illness but doctors can't explain why. Or a family member has cancer. She has failed treatment and is dying. These very sick patients come to the NIH, seeking the greatest care in the world, often as a last resort, to turn hope into discoveries and discoveries into cures.

A patient and their families journey from diagnosis to treatment can be fraught with challenges. Travel costs and finding an affordable place to stay are stressful. Financial responsibilities and bills back home don't stop. That's why Friends of Patients at the NIH, seeks to relieve financial and emotional burdens so patients can focus on healing.

How We Help

Housing

We provided more than **160 family members** housing support in 2017 including close to **1000 nights** in apartments.



Transportation

We help people from around the **country and the world travel** to the NIH for care.

Social Activities and Community Events

We **sponsor** family outings, welcome dinners and monthly parties.

Unexpected Medical Cost

We **cover medical costs** like medical equipment and health insurance coverage gaps.

Your Gifts Mean the World to Us!

In Their Own Words

- "This past few months have been an emotional rollercoaster for me. Your generosity helped to get me through my transplant and keep me sane as well. *Friends at NIH* is an amazing organization."
Lakeisha, Sickle Cell Disease
- "Thank you so much to the *Friends at NIH* for supporting Clifford during this time. His recovery would have been impossible without your support."
Joy Hart, NIH Clinical Center Social Worker
- "*Friends at NIH* is essential for the kind of work that we do. For many people, without this support, they simply couldn't participate in the clinical trials. Dixon is one of those people. We can comfortably say [he] is cured. If it weren't for *Friends of NIH*, this would have never happened."
Dr. John Tisdale, NIH Clinical Center Physician & Researcher



How You Can Help

Join Us

- Become an individual donor and monthly sustainer
- Join us as a corporate or foundation partner
- Attend special events
- Volunteer to help at activities
- Create your own fundraiser
- Initiate a planned gift of retirement or estate assets
- Check if your workplace has a matching gift program



Dixon, 17, and his father, Leonard from Uganda

What Donations Can Provide



\$100,000 Corporate Sponsorship
Apartment costs for one year



\$25,000 Corporate Sponsorship
Mortgages back home for nearly 25 families for a month



\$1,000
International airline ticket for a patient or caregiver



\$250
Groceries for a family in an apartment for one week

“ The donors gave us a quiet place near my husband’s doctors to stay. The grocery store downstairs means we can make healthy food we like. I can’t thank donors enough. ”

– Yuliya, Family Caregiver

For more information about sponsorships and donations, please see: **Annual Corporate Sponsorship Opportunities and What Your Gifts Provide**

Call to Action

Program services provided to patients in treatment at the NIH and their families have increased **20x** in the last five years! Housing is the largest category of program services provided to our families. Last year we provided nearly 1000 nights to families in *Friends’* apartments near the NIH free of charge. That saved families nearly \$150,000. The waiting list for the apartments is growing! With your support, we can do more!



Friends of Patients at the NIH

Many helping one. One helping many.

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