

The Dragonfly Fund: Supporting Transplant Patients

Background

Two years ago, Deb Brown of Cedar Rapids was on death's doorstep. Patiently waiting for a liver transplant that might never come, Deb's health was quickly deteriorating.

Within five months of being placed on the liver transplant list, she had been rushed to the hospital five times—coding once. Because Deb's liver was no longer functioning properly, ammonia was building up in her abdomen and chest cavity. It was affecting her everyday life—she couldn't eat, couldn't sleep, and was struggling to breathe.

While Deb's health continued to decline, a phone call in November 2016 provided hope: A liver had become available for Deb. Deb and her husband, Ed, rushed to the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics (UIHC), and after an 11-hour procedure, Deb had a new liver.

Our Mission

Now, the Browns have shown their gratitude for the care they received at UIHC by making a gift to establish the Dragonfly Transplant Fund, which will enhance the support patients and their families and caregivers receive during the transplant experience.

Vision for the Future

Together with Dr. Alan Reed, director of the University of Iowa Organ Transplant Center, the Browns are looking to raise additional funds to compliment the expert care transplant patients receive at the UIHC. The dollars raised through this crowdfunding campaign will be used in a variety of ways, including enhanced educational materials, a dedicated lounge area, offsetting travel expenses, and more. The long-term vision is to one day have a dedicated transplant housing facility to serve patients and their caregivers during this vulnerable time.

You Can Help

You can help by making a gift right now by clicking on Give Now. All gifts are tax deductible, and a donation at any level is greatly appreciated.

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our campaign, you might help us reach additional donors who share our passion for supporting the UI transplant program. You can take your giving even further through a matching gift. Your employer or your spouse's employer may multiple your contribution through a matching gift program. Please ask your human resources director for the appropriate form. Our Tax ID code is: 42-0796760.

Thank you for your generosity!

The Dragonfly Transplant Team

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