

ANDREW'S HELPFUL HANDS

Helping Families Through Bone Marrow Transplant

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THIS IS A BRIEF RUN DOWN OF WHAT WE DO, WHY WE DO IT, AND WHY WE NEED YOUR HELP TO GET IT DONE.

What we do: We Pay mortgage/rent payments for a family that has a child going through the bone marrow transplant process. We also have Bone Marrow Drives to increase the number of donors on the international Bone Marrow Registry for any family that doesn't have a donor match

We directly pay the creditors (the bills go to AHH, not the families) so that the family can focus 100% on their child.

We take over the families payments for approximately 8-12 months. This is the whole time that the child is not able to return into a public atmosphere because of a new immune system.

We pay on average \$20,000 per family.

We run fundraisers, bone marrow drives, do interviews on radios, newspapers anything to let others know how important it is to financially help when you can, physically help when you can and get on the bone marrow registry when you can, others do depend on us.

Why we do it: This organization was founded by John Sousa, Andrew's uncle. After John had a fundraiser to save our families home from foreclosure, Andrew asked his uncle if he could help his friends that lived at the hospital with him (he lived in the hospital for almost 7 months). Some of his friends didn't have their moms or dads with them because both of them had to work. So the kids were left alone at the hospital. We pay the families mortgage/rent so that the parents can focus 100% on what is important, their child; and be there to advocate for them, hug them and do what parents do best, love their child.

Why we need your help: Approximately 38,000 people per year in MA are diagnosed with cancer (children and adults)*. Unfortunately many of those people will have to go to a bone marrow transplant as a means to save or extend their lives. We are currently helping one family but we have a waiting list of families that need our help. The more awareness and the more money we can raise; the more families we can help.

Thank you for caring!

* Cancer.org Cancer Facts & Figures 2014