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# Hawthorne Patient Assistance Fund

**Financial medication  
assistance for eligible  
transplant patients**



# Herb and Louise Hawthorne

Louise underwent dialysis treatment and was fortunate to be a kidney transplant recipient. Herb and Louise left their entire estate to charities, with their largest gift being made to the National Kidney Foundation of Florida to help those going through what Louise endured.



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Beginning **January 1, 2017**, the National Kidney Foundation of Florida's Hawthorne Patient Assistance Fund will provide short-term financial assistance to qualified kidney transplant recipients to meet the cost of their kidney transplant related medications (immunosuppressant and prophylaxis drugs), while they seek out other longer-term solutions.



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# Fund Overview

- Maximum per grant is \$1,000
- Lifetime Max per patient is \$3,000
- Benefit limited to post transplant and prophylaxis medication only.

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A qualified patient applicant must:

- be a kidney transplant recipient
- be uninsured or underinsured
- be a Florida resident and
- have tried all other sources for medication assistance



# Who will assist patients?

There are 10 Transplant Centers in Florida.

Social Workers, Financial Coordinators, and pharmacy personnel affiliated with the Transplant Centers will have the ability to submit applications.

If no Transplant Center relationship exists, NKF staff will provide assistance.

Joe Karan and Sarah Knott

# SW Requirements

Social workers must conduct a needs assessment, and provide written justification for each request, a detailed explanation of the patient's need, and information about the patient's long-term plan for access to medication. We have created a **Recourse List** to assist them with finding other sources.



This Fund should be considered a resource of “*last resort*”.

# NKFF Review

- Grants are for a maximum of \$1,000 per grant with a life time maximum of \$3,000.
- The amount of the grant is determined by how much the drug costs or the co-pay.
  - i.e. Patient grant for Feb may be for \$320.
- NKFF personnel will review the application prior to the meeting to make sure all resources have been exhausted.





# Application Process

- Application will be submitted by Email to:
  - [Hawthornefund@kidneyfla.org](mailto:Hawthornefund@kidneyfla.org)
- A Consent form completed by the patient must accompany each application.
- Redacted Applications will be sent out to all Transplant SWs for review.
- NKFF will set up Dropbox for a Committee made up of Transplant SWs.
- SWs and NKF staff will discuss each application to determine if other resources should be utilized and determine fund distribution.



# Monthly Meetings

- There will be monthly meetings to review submitted applications.
- Copies of redacted applications will be available prior to the meeting.
- SWs will call in to NKFF **(866)587-0333**  
**code \*8876285\***
- NKFF will schedule a practice meeting in January to make sure everyone can access the Webinar.



# Proposed Meeting Schedule

3 pm is the proposed time

**Thursday, February 9**

**Tuesday, March 7**

**Thursday, April 6**

**Thursday, May 4**

**Tuesday, June 6**

**Thursday, July 6**

**Friday, August 4**

**Thursday, September 7**

**Thursday, October 5**

**Tuesday, November 7**

**Thursday, December 7**

We realize that your time is valuable and that you may not be able to attend every meeting. By changing the day of the week of the meeting we hope that you will be able to participate in as many as possible.



Grant checks will be made payable only to the patient's pharmacy. No funds will be distributed to the patient.



- Information and Applications are available on our new Website.

- [Kidneyfl.org](http://Kidneyfl.org)

or

- [NKFFHawthornefund.org](http://NKFFHawthornefund.org)



# Questions or Concerns

- Please Email with any questions or concerns.
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