

Peggy's Story



Peggy Dorang is a lifelong resident of the Wyoming Valley. She has a close knit family of four children and eight grandchildren. Three of her children and six grandchildren still live locally.

Peggy enjoys volunteering her time at John Heinz Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine and the F.M. Kirby Center. She also takes telephone orders for Thanksgiving food baskets for the CEO and is an active member of her church, having served on the administrative council and the board of trustees.

Peggy has been diagnosed with end stage chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and is in desperate need of a double lung transplant. She requires oxygen 24 hours a day and has diminished mobility and quality of life. She has been evaluated at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and is awaiting a life sustaining transplant.

Peggy will have many expenses associated with recovery from the transplant surgery including travel from Hanover Township to Pittsburgh for evaluations before and after surgery. Peggy will also have to stay in Pittsburgh for several months after surgery. While continuing to pay her regular monthly rent and living expenses in Hanover Township, she will also have additional rent and living expenses while in Pittsburgh.

To help offset these expenses, a fundraising campaign in her honor has been established with National Transplant Assistance Fund and Catastrophic Injury Program (NTAF). NTAF is a nonprofit organization that has been assisting the transplant community for over twenty five years. All donations are tax deductible and will be administered by the NTAF for her transplant related expenses only. Please make checks payable to NTAF (Fund Region) lung transplant fund. In the memo section of the check please write: **In honor of Peggy Dorang.**