



Woodward Respite Care Fund

The mission of the Woodward Respite Care Fund is to offer support, encouragement, and hope to Caregivers, by providing resource information and a stipend to pay for temporary relief from care-giving responsibilities.

Funds are primarily intended for the temporary relief of any physical or emotional stress a Caregiver may be experiencing as a result of an extended period of care-giving to a homebound family member or close friend.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- **FINANCIAL** Income will be taken into consideration, although there are no specific income requirements. Each request will be considered on a need basis.
- **MEDICAL** The Care Recipient must need continuous, ongoing care due to a chronic or terminal medical condition.
- **PHYSICAL**
 EMOTIONAL The physical and emotional needs of the Caregiver and the duration of prior care-giving will be taken into consideration.
- **AGE** The age of Caregiver, the age of the Care Recipient, and the situation will be taken into consideration on a case by case basis, with priority given to the elderly.
- **GENDER** The Caregiver may be male or female.

RESPITE CARE NEEDS THAT MAY BE COMPENSATED INCLUDE:

- Care for a homebound recipient when the Caregiver desires the opportunity to enhance the quality of his/her life, through classes, social activities, etc.
- A companion to attend to the homebound Care Recipient, allowing the primary Caregiver to have solitary time and options for at-home activities.
- A respite Caregiver for night-time duty, allowing the primary Caregiver an uninterrupted night's sleep.
- Care at an Adult Day Care Center as needed for respite by the Caregiver. This would also include overnight respite when offered by the Day Care Center.
- Respite care placement on a short-term basis in an assisted living facility or nursing home, allowing the Caregiver the opportunity to go out of town for a vacation.
- Services of a case manager to help the Caregiver learn about and utilize community resources.

FUNDS WILL NOT COVER:

- Ongoing long-term care services such as home health care, assisted living, and nursing home.
- Direct patient needs such as medications, equipment, therapy, etc.
- Activities that include both the Caregiver and the Care Recipient, since the purpose of the stipend is for respite care.

FUNDS AVAILABLE

An average distribution is \$500, with a maximum of \$1,000 within a calendar year, beginning January 1st. Multiple requests for funds will be considered on a case-by-case basis, depending on need, with a maximum of two payments given to the same Caregiver in a lifetime.

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA

Funds will be available to Caregivers in the Denver Metropolitan area. This includes the counties of Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, Elbert, and Jefferson.

HOW TO APPLY

The Caregiver must make the request for funds. Applications may be obtained via the internet at www.woodwardrespitecare.org or by calling 303-446-0079.

The Woodward Respite Care Fund board meets the first Tuesday of the month. The applicant will be notified during that week of the decision of the board. Applications received after that date will be considered the following month.

The Woodward Respite Care Fund does not provide or recommend caregiving personnel. Information will be provided upon request to the applicant about agencies offering respite care services, as well as other community resources.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to return the completed application. If the application is not returned, no follow-up will be pursued by the board.

FOLLOW UP SURVEY

Within three months of receiving Woodward Respite Care Funds, the Caregiver will be sent a one-page survey to evaluate the services that were provided through the stipend.

TO OBTAIN AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDS, CONTACT:

303-446-0079

info@woodwardrespitecare.org

ALL APPLICATION INFORMATION IS CONFIDENTIAL