



## Caregiver Respite Fund

Initiated through a generous donor to provide limited financial support to patient family caregivers that otherwise not be able to afford private caregivers.

- Financial support will be reimbursed to individual/family for caregiving support based on financial need
- Need will be determined by HPCWRV staff
- Pt/family must be a patient of HPCWRV
- Financial support for care/respice will generally not exceed \$1000 per family
- Pt/families, upon approval, will be notified of number of hours approved at a market appropriate rate/hour and money will be reimbursed to the pt/family after HPCWRV receives a submitted receipt
- Pt/families may use funds to schedule caregivers to meet patient needs
- Pt/families will choose the private caregiver (PCG). PCG may not be a family member unless special circumstances exist and are approved by HPCWRV
- Pt/families will make request for funds in writing on standardized form
- Final approval will be made by HPCWRV E.D. or designee.

Hospice staff or volunteers may suggest/recommend to a pt/family the option availability of the PCG Fund. Conditions under which the Fund might be appropriate:

- Financial need
- Exhaustion of caregiver
- Stress of long-term caregiving by family member
- Pt. wanting to remain home if caregiver were available
- Pt/family with limited or no family caregiving options
- A crisis situation, or a specific short term need
- Pt. living alone that may need short term caregiving