

Rotary Club Presentation from Compass Home Healthcare

Your generosity — whether it's wound supplies, a winter coat, or direct grant dollars — has literally kept people out of hospitals and nursing homes. Today I'd like to share six real stories of clients whose lives were changed because of your support. These aren't just numbers — these are our most vulnerable neighbors.

1. Ricky: This client had open wounds on both legs and was waiting for Medicaid to authorize his nursing services through the CCW waiver program. If he had waited for cares to start through the program, he most likely would have developed infections in the legs which could lead to sepsis and possibly the loss of his legs. He has no income and is wheelchair bound so it is very hard for him to get around. He has had a stroke and a history of a heart attack and is very unable to care for himself. Rotary Club helped us provide wound care and dressing supplies while he waited for the Medicaid waiver to kick in. We were able to start his much-needed nursing care right away and I'm happy to say his wounds have completely healed. He continues to have a CNA that provides housekeeping and assistance with showers twice a week. Your support kept Ricky safe at home.

2. Barbara: Rotary Club granted us money to be able to provide much needed skilled nursing services to this client while she had to wait months to receive her Medicaid waiver benefits. Her lower legs were extremely ulcerated with many open oozing areas. We provided nursing care for dressing changes and intensive wound care twice a week. She required UNNA boot dressing to both legs with each visit which are quite costly. She is on fixed social security income and could barely afford the basics of what she had. During the summer she did not have a pair of shorts and due to the extensive drainage of her wounds, the long pants she had were sticking to her legs, so we went to Goodwill and bought her a couple pair of shorts. We provided her with some

household cleaning supplies as she did not have much. She was able to stay in her little apartment for several month thanks to your organization before she finally needed to be admitted to a nearby care center for rehab to get physically stronger. She plans and sincerely hopes to return to her apartment soon.

3. William "Bill": Bill has advanced Dementia and tends to wander so he is a safety risk and requires round the clock observation and care. He has a history of a stroke as well and cannot care for himself. His wife was providing 24/7 care for him. Your grant money was provided for in-home care services so that his sweet wife could occasionally go places by herself, run errands, attend her dog shows, and get a break from the around-the-clock care she was providing. They are a very sweet and humble couple, and it was a pleasure to be able to provide some much-needed respite care for them! They still utilize our service every now and then as needed.

4. Darla: Darla is a client who has extensive medical problems and battles Diabetes, morbid obesity, and is on continuous oxygen. She utilizes a wheelchair outside of her home as it is difficult for her to get around. She was struggling to find a coat to fit her size 5X. I went to several different places and had a hard time finding one that fit right, but after going to the Goodwill in Fort Collins, CO, I was able to find both a sweater cardigan and a jacket that she liked and that fit. She was very grateful and had a more tolerable winter. We are still providing skilled nursing services to her for medication and diabetic management.

5. Mark: Mark had a very difficult time with his Medicaid waiver benefits getting approved. The authorizations kept getting pushed back so he had to wait an excessively long time. He was getting frustrated and was about to give up on receiving any help! Because of the Rotary Club grant money, we were able to start services early and send him some CNA help. Due to his lung conditions he has very poor endurance and has to wear oxygen continuously. We are going with him to doctor's appointments and to run errands like

Walmart trips and the post office, plus we are providing housekeeping, assistance with showers, and skin care for him. His benefits finally kicked in just at the beginning of March, but Rotary club made it so that he did not go without services while waiting.

6. Darrell: This kind gentleman and his wife live just on the outskirts of Torrington. Darrell had a severe CVA (stroke) in December and was hospitalized for 2 months. He came home on Feb. 13th. He is mostly wheelchair bound but is receiving PT to help him walk and move his left side better. His sweet family built a ramp to his front door and installed grab bars up and down the entire hallway so he could get to the bathroom. He had some swallowing difficulties and had to get a feeding tube, but he is improving and doing well at home with his wife. Due to the grant program, we will be able to continue to help him at home with showers, skin care, exercises, and some light housekeeping twice a week and as needed. His wife also has some medical conditions and will be having surgery soon on her foot so she will be down for a bit, and I assume our cares will be increased at that time.



These six stories are real examples of how it truly takes a collaboration of teamwork, a village if you will, to provide people with the cares they need. Every single one of them would have had to figure it out alone without your help. Rotary Club is one of our strongest partners in that village.

Your generosity has literally kept people out of the hospital and nursing homes. It has given caregivers a break, helped families stay together, and has allowed our clients to experience extended independence.

We are deeply grateful for every dollar, every coat, every box of wound care supplies. Thank you for believing that people deserve to stay in their own homes with dignity for as long as they possibly can.

This program truly shows the power of “SERVICE ABOVE SELF”!

He who serves, profits most 😊