Baby Sharon Committee Meeting 11/19/24

Present on the zoom call were Richard Emmel, Mark Pearson, Dan Hennessy, and Patrick Casey with Jacob Grummer from the ACH Social Work Department

**Case #1:** This case involves a 9 years-old patient who was admitted for a one month hospitalization due to a displaced fractured leg that required several surgeries. Due to the patient’s injuries, the caregiver had to be at bedside to help care, move patient around, etc. Caregiver is the sole support system for the family and had to obtain caregiving assistance for the patient’s other siblings while hospitalized. This caused the caregiver to miss work and become behind on their utility bills and rent. Caregiver also anticipates continued issues with missing workdays due to patient having several follow-up appointments in Little Rock, which is about two hours from their hometown. **Therefore we are requesting for your consideration the following needs: Water ($208.57), Electric ($390.64) and Rent (981.00). Total Ask: $1580.21**

**Case #2** This case involves a nearly two-year-old patient currently admitted in our ICU. Patient has a medical history that includes cerebral palsy, seizures, and is G-tube dependent. Patient lives at home with their parents and three siblings. Patient’s father is the sole financial support and patient receives SSI for their medical needs. However, patient did not receive their SSI payment and family has gotten behind on bills and other household expenses. The main concern family is requesting assistance with is for their electric bill. Since the patient’s medical equipment requires a power source, the family cannot afford to have their electricity disconnected. **Therefore, we are requesting for your consideration the sum of $175.75 for electricity. Total Ask: $175.75**

**Case #3:** This case involves a toddler that has been admitted since last summer. Family received assistance this year for plumbing needs. Patient has a complex medical history including bronchopulmonary dysplasia, pulmonary stenosis and tracheostomy, among others. Patient’s caregiver is single parent and is limited in resources and income. Caregiver has rented a home that is not set up for water for home to be livable and caregiver is working towards these needs. Caregiver is seeking an additional $1000 towards helping them with the water project for their home. Therefore we are requesting for your assistance $1000.00 for these needs.

**Total Ask: $1000.00**

**Case #4**: This case involves a four-month-old 27 -week gestation age patient admitted with their twin to NICU due to premature birth. The patient’s caregiver is the primary income earner in the household. Caregiver was unexpectedly terminated from their employment. Caregiver received maternity leave but did not take it in full as was trying to save some for the discharge needs and also lost their accrued PTO due to the termination. Due to these unfortunate events, caregiver is now behind on mostly all of their monthly payments. Caregiver has applied for unemployment and awaiting approval as well as seeking child support and obtaining a family loan, which they have been using to help pay current bills. Additionally, the patients’ have been approved for SSI benefits. Although the caregiver has received some extra support, they are still behind on their rent, electric, and other bills, which will likely continue if the unemployment is not approved on time. Therefore, we are requesting for your consideration the following assistance: 3 months’ rent ($2,420.68) and Electric ($298.60). **Total Ask: 2,719.28**

**Case # 5**: This case involves a two-month-old patient born with Trisomy 21 and congenital heart disease. Patient has been in and out of the hospital due to their diagnosis issues. The patient will have several more follow up visits to monitor growth and developmental progress. The family is a single-parent household with one income and two children. Caregiver’s current work schedule was reduced so they could stay and learn/care for patient’s needs at bedside. While being in the hospital for last several weeks, the caregiver fell behind on their rent payments. They currently owe $1,200, which may result in eviction. Therefore, we are requesting for your consideration, $1,200 towards rent.

**Total Ask: $1,200**

**Case #6:** This case involves a four-month-old patient currently admitted in the NICU since birth due to premature delivery with associated intraventricular hemorrhage and cerebral atrophy. During caregiver’s pregnancy, they suffered from an on/off again domestic violence relationship with patient’s father. This relationship caused caregiver to flee their home and the stress/abuse suffered are likely contributing factors to caregiver going into premature labor. Due to the sudden nature of the caregiver’s situation, they were not able to give their employer notice for their medical leave needs or opportunity to accrue a lot of PTO for the being off needs. This has caused caregiver to get behind on bills that they still owe including $1,300 toward their former property manager. Caregiver is hoping to receive assistance to help with their back rent in order to be able to start a new life safely from their abuser and start this new life debt-free. Therefore, we are requesting for your considerations, $1,300 toward rent. **Total Ask: $1,300.**

**The committee unanimously agreed to support all of the above requests at the amount requested.**

**The next meeting will be 12/15 at 4:00.**