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NACR's Memorial Fund

Native American Cancer Research (NACR) started a "**National Native American Cancer Survivors' Support Network**" in 1997. Through this work, many unmet needs were found for cancer survivors who were struggling with their illness.

The "**Memorial Fund**" was set up in 1998 to partially help Native American cancer survivors meet their needs related to chronic illness, healing and recovery. The Fund is limited to providing a one-time support to Native survivors for up to \$500 per survivor.

Applicants to the Memorial Fund must send: 1) copy of proof of identity (e.g. Driver's license) and tribal enrollment; 2) Proof of cancer diagnosis from a health care provider; 3) Copies of receipts for the reimbursement amount requested; and 4) A completed application (see the following page).

Examples of how the Memorial Fund has been used:

1. Assist in paying co-pays or deductible fees for Native Americans who have some insurance.
2. Assist in paying for cancer treatment for Native Americans who are underinsured or uninsured.
3. Partial payment for anesthesiologists or other medically necessary procedures.
4. Purchase of materials necessary to maintain the health of the patient such as a bed.
5. Transportation costs for treatment or other procedures.
6. Assist in paying for hospice care (palliative, comfort care for chronically ill or dying cancer patient).
7. Partial payments for prescription medications.
8. Partial payments for household utilities (gas, electricity, firewood, water).
9. Purchase of prostheses, wigs and similar items for cancer patients.
10. Partial payments for reconstructive surgery for those with no insurance or under-insured.

Donations made to the Memorial Fund are dedicated to benefit Native Americans living with cancer. In honoring donors' requests, NACR can only give awards to those who are of Native American heritage. Funds may not be used for funeral expenses.

The Memorial Fund can only make awards when enough funds are available. In times of few funds, NACR maintains a waiting list. When funds are available, NACR contacts those who have submitted all of the required information to verify that the needs are the same. If you know someone who would like to donate to NACR's tax-deductible fund, please contact us at the address above or visit the NACR website.

Wishing health and wellness to you and your loved ones!

To apply please complete the following form with easy-to-read print:

Name: _____

Type of Cancer: _____

Tribal Affiliation: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____

Home Phone (with area code): _____ Cell: _____

Name of family member or someone who is helping you (if no one is helping you, please write in "no one"): _____

Phone number of a family member or person who is helping you that we can contact if we are not able to call you.: _____

BRIEFLY describe what type of financial help you need and why

Type of help needed: _____

Why you need help: _____

What is the best address to send the check to you (if different from the one above)?

Please mail or email this application to the address in the letter and send: 1) Copy of proof of identity (e.g. Driver's license) and tribal enrollment; 2) Proof of cancer diagnosis from health care provider; and 3) Copies of receipts for the reimbursement amount requested. Thank you!