

# HELPING PATIENTS PAY FOR CARE



THE PATIENT ACCESS NETWORK FOUNDATION, COMMONLY KNOWN AS PAN, IS AN INDEPENDENT FIVE-OH-ONE-CEE-THREE ORGANIZATION THAT'S DEDICATED TO PROVIDING UNDERINSURED PATIENTS WITH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. WE FOCUS ON PATIENTS WITH LIFE-THREATENING, CHRONIC AND RARE DISEASES. THE PATIENT ACCESS NETWORK FOUNDATION HAS CREATED A UNIQUE MODEL FOR TAKING CARE OF PATIENTS. WE PROVIDE THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THAT THEY NEED BUT WE'RE ALSO ALIGNING WITH LEADING PATIENT ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE AMERICAN LIVER FOUNDATION TO PROVIDE EDUCATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES TO PATIENTS. IN 2015 WE FORGED AN ALLIANCE WITH THE AMERICAN LIVER FOUNDATION. THE PURPOSE OF THE ALLIANCE IS TO HELP PATIENTS WITH HEPATITIS C GET THE EDUCATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES THEY NEED. I WAS BORN IN BROOKLYN AND I'VE BEEN LIVING OVER HERE ON THE EAST SIDE NOW FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS. I HAVE THREE KIDS AND I HAVE FOUR GRANDCHILDREN. THEY LIVE IN THE POCONOS. I USED TO GO EVERY WEEK. WE WENT ALL OVER AND AFTER I GOT SICK, I STOPPED. I WENT INTO MY DOCTOR AND HE SAID, GILDA, YOU HAVE HEPATITIS C. THEN HE SAID, YOU KNOW, HAVE FAITH BECAUSE THERE'S SOMETHING THAT CAN HELP. THEN NANCY CALLED ME. SHE WAS SO NICE. THEY CALLED ME EVERY WEEK AND I APPRECIATE FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART. GILDA WAS REFERRED TO US FROM THE PAN FOUNDATION IN JANUARY OF 2016. I ACTUALLY SPOKE WITH HER DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF FEBRUARY AND WAS HAPPY TO HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH A PERSON WHO WAS SO VERY EXCITED ABOUT HAVING BEEN APPROVED FOR TREATMENT FOR HEPATITIS C. SHE HAD SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MEDICINE THAT SHE WAS PRESCRIBED SO WE WERE ABLE TO TALK ABOUT THE SPECIFIC MEDICINE, ALSO WHAT DIETARY GUIDELINES WERE IMPORTANT FOR HER TO STAY HEALTHY. THE AMERICAN LIVER FOUNDATION IS A NATIONAL NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT ADVOCATES AND SUPPORTS LIVER PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES AROUND THE COUNTRY THROUGH OUR DIVISIONS. WE WORK WITH LIVER PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES AS WELL AS THEIR MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS TO ASSIST THEM IN ANY WAY THAT WE CAN. ONE OF THE MOST CRITICAL ASPECTS OF THE FACT THAT THERE IS NOW A CURE IS THAT IT COMES AT A COST AND WE HAVE BEEN, AS THE AMERICAN LIVER FOUNDATION, ADAMANT IN OUR EFFORTS TO MAKE SURE THAT PATIENTS SECURE THE TREATMENT THAT HAS BEEN PRESCRIBED FOR THEM AND, FORTUNATELY IN THAT EFFORT, WE HAVE TEAMED UP WITH THE PAN FOUNDATION THAT HAS BEEN AN INCREDIBLE ALLY MAKING SURE THAT PATIENTS ACTUALLY DO HAVE ACCESS TO THAT TREATMENT AND GET CURED. SINCE 2015, THOUSANDS OF PATIENTS HAVE BENEFITED FROM THE EDUCATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE AMERICAN LIVER FOUNDATION. WELL, I'M REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO LIVE A LITTLE LONGER AND I'M SO HAPPY. I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO TELL PEOPLE ABOUT IT. WHEN MY FAMILY FOUND OUT THAT I HAD GOT THE MONEY, THE GRANT, THEY WAS SO HAPPY THEY CRIED. YOU KNOW BECAUSE IT WASN'T FOR THEM HELPING ME I WOULDN'T BE HERE NOW. IT HAS CHANGED MY LIFE BACK. IT'S MADE ME WHO I WAS AT THE BEGINNING, BEFORE I GOT THIS. I CAN GO AND BE A HUMAN BEING AGAIN.