

Dear John,

I am writing this letter to ask your Rotary organization to consider the Jankovsky Family for a \$1000 grant from your Acts of Kindness Fund.

The Jankovsky Family (Aaron-37, Kasie-29, Decker-7, Karter-3 and Oakley-8 months) relocated to Houston all the way from Marshall, Arkansas in November of 2014 to receive treatment for their son, Oakley.

They left everything behind and were whisked here due to emergent cardiac needs of their son, Oakley (two months old at the time). Oakley suffers from congenital Stenosis of AV and LV systolic dysfunction. His condition required a heart surgery that the family was not able to receive from any hospital in Arkansas. With Oakley needing emergency surgery, the family packed up and moved to Houston to get him the treatment he needed to survive.

Both parents lost their jobs. With no income and little to no resources, the family asked their social worker to see what housing opportunities might be available to them, since Ronald McDonald House rooms were too small for their family of five. After PJH became aware of their struggle, we quickly were able to interview and approve the family to move in to our Tulip Project.

Just a few days after Christmas, Oakley was released from the hospital to the Tulip Project and then had a life-threatening crisis that resulted in many additional months of hospitalization. After numerous surgeries and medicines, Oakley was released from the hospital again at the beginning of May. His status is still being monitored closely as he continues to heal.

Aaron is beginning to prepare for his return to work, and Kasie is struggling with care for a medically fragile child and two siblings. This ordeal has created much emotional and psychological turmoil for the family, and Project Joy and Hope has been there every step of the way to provide shelter and supportive services.

Even so, the financial burdens are great. Bills have piled up from sudden loss of jobs, ranging from car payments to credit card bills. The family hopes to get back on their feet financially as Oakley begins to live closer to a normal life. A grant from the Rotary Club would give this family some much-needed help at this time.

Most of us cannot comprehend the havoc that comes with caring for a medically fragile child. However, monetary support for this family at this particular time would be a wonderful way to reach out and offer support. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

With gratitude,

Jan Wheeler, Ed. D.

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