

Angel Fund Mission Moment



At the Foundation's annual Gala event, Chinyere delivers a powerful case for support of the Angel Fund program, which helps ease a patient's personal burdens that can inhibit recovery.

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I'm Chinyere Stevens and I'm the operations manager at Rogers Behavioral Health's Silverlake outpatient center in Oconomowoc Wisconsin. I previously worked as a therapist out of our Brown Deer location. I can tell you whether it's across the city, state, or country, people are struggling to get the care that they need. Even for those whose treatment is covered by insurance, there is still a long list of barriers that can get in the way of people receiving care. And one most common issues we see is transportation.

I've had patients who live over an hour away from Rogers, and figuring out how to get to treatment and back can be an impossible task. In these situations, the Angel fund is a saving grace. I'll never forget one family in particular – their daughter desperately needed care, but they didn't have the means to get her to treatment each day. But, through the Angel fund we were able to provide her with a laptop so

she could participate in treatment from home. With that gift, she was able to attend group programming, individual sessions and other necessary meetings with her treatment team. She was also able to participate in family sessions all from home! The family's relief of having this access to care made a huge impact on me!

In another situation, a patient who was out of work due to his mental health concerns, was considering discharging treatment early because he couldn't afford the gas to get Rogers every day. The Angel fund came through again, to help him pay for gas! And just like that the focus shifted to what really matters, getting the support and services needed without the weight of logistical nightmares holding people back.

These are just a few of the stories we see and hear every year. Our Angel Fund has helped patients keep food on their tables, warm clothes on their bodies, lights on in their homes, and even roofs over their heads.

The support from the Angel Fund provides more than just financial assistance... It provides hope! By removing barriers to care, we are ensuring that more people, no matter their situation, can participate in treatment with access to the same services as their counterparts.

To the treatment teams that I have been a part of assisting individuals and families, it means that we are able to feel confident that patients will be able to successfully complete their clinically recommended dosage of treatment. When this happens, it allows for the best recovery possible, and it also means that patients can feel certain that they are on their way to leading fulfilling lives of quality.

Thank you for your compassion and for your support of the Angel fund program!