

Mission Moment: Patient Care Grant



At the Foundation's 2024 Gala, Hannah thanked donors for her Patient Care Grant, which helped her become the mom, wife, and nurse she always knew she could be.

Hannah

I have a lot of credit to give to Rogers and this Foundation, who aided me in being the person I never thought I could be.

My battle with OCD started when I was a baby. My mother had severe harm OCD, and I never understood her suffering. Well, now I know!

My journey started while I was pregnant in March of 2020. I was diagnosed with gestational diabetes, and during this time, I began to have intrusive thoughts. I convinced myself it was hormones, it would go away.

In November, I gave birth to a baby girl, Aurora. She was my light, my new reason to live. But the birth itself came with complications that could have caused us to lose our lives.

A week later, I ended up in the hospital due to my blood pressure, and I remember telling my mom, "Mom, I think I have OCD, like you."

The OCD progressed to the point where I protected my daughter from everything, and I was convinced I was dying. Every sensation in me became a reason for illness with the worst possible outcome.

Then, one day, I went to the zoo with my family. My daughter wanted to ride on the carousel, which I refused to do because it was too scary and dangerous. So, I watched my husband and mom ride on the carousel with my daughter while I sobbed.

In that moment I realized, I couldn't be the mom I wanted to be. I had two choices - and one of those choices was NOT an option. Instead, I decided to fill out an intake form at Rogers.

I threw myself into the program! About 4 weeks in, insurance denied my treatment. I cannot explain how I felt, knowing that I would be going to go back to the exact life I had before, and I could NOT live like that again. Immediately, my therapist and others helped me apply for a Patient Care Grant, and I was approved!

With the grant, I worked as hard as possible and completed my program. My soul felt like someone had unlocked it. I felt so free!

Thank you to Rogers and the Foundation, and all of you, for helping me be a better person, a better mom, and have the ability to give more to the ones I love.