



## Union County Senior Services Medication Assistance

### Case Story



Union County Senior Services Medication Assistance program was the first of its kind in our region. With a generous donation of additional United Way funds, we were able to develop this program over 5 years ago. In that time, we have helped countless seniors get the life sustaining medication they need but cannot afford. Many times, funds are used in the beginning stages of the year when they are trying to meet their \$415 deductible or during the gap in coverage at the end of the year when the co-pay for their medication can double or triple. This program helps to offset the cost of those co-pays as well as assists the client in applying for assistance for their medication through the drug company to alleviate the cost of those increased co-pays. Our greatest achievement is amount of people we were able to assist in 2019. We helped 26 clients with over 43 prescriptions for a total of \$3116.17 in assistance. We continually monitor the program and set cap limits to be able to assist the largest amount of people possible. If funding for this program were to cease, these seniors would not have another option. They would have to go several weeks without medication while we attempted to receive approval from the prescription company. This is a life sustaining program for certain.

# How Dollars Help Our Clients



**\$100**

**\$100 will help provide diabetic shoes to a senior who needs help with the copay, ensuring their feet stay comfortable and healthy.**

**\$500**

**\$500 will assist a senior in meeting their deductible for Medicare Part D, ensuring they are able to afford the copays for the remainder of the year.**

**\$1,000**

**\$1000 will provide 10 seniors with co-pay assistance for their insulin or inhaler, ensuring that they have their life sustaining medication without the financial stress or worry.**