Lighthouse of Hope Fund  
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Mission
Through the Lighthouse of Hope Fund, the National Hospice Foundation enhances the quality of life of adult hospice patients and their families so that their remaining time together can be meaningful and memorable.

Eligibility
The Fund is available to hospice patients who are:
- Cared for by one of NHPCO’s hospice provider members who agree to the terms of participation
- Who have no other options for financial support for their specific request; and
- Whose application is submitted by a member of the hospice’s interdisciplinary team. (Applications from individual patients or families will not be considered; they must be submitted through a participating hospice)

Hospice Terms of Participation
In 2013, the inaugural year of the program, the first 100 hospice programs to register and agree to the terms of participation will be eligible to make requests on behalf of their patients.
- Each hospice will be required to pay a $500 fee and then will be eligible to request up to $1,500 in total requests by 12/31/13.
- For multi-site hospice programs, each individual site must sign up on their own.
- The registration form must be printed out, signed by the CEO and mailed back to NHF with either credit card information or a check for $500 made out to the National Hospice Foundation with “Lighthouse of Hope Fund” in the memo line.
- Each separate request for a patient must be matched dollar for dollar by the hospice. So, if an experience would cost a total of $500, the hospice (or its affiliated charitable foundation) would provide $250 and the other $250 would come from the Lighthouse of Hope Fund.
- Hospices must have the ability to apply for the Fund using the online request form.

The application form is available at  
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Criteria for Requests
Requests must support for “experiences for the living” (flying people in to visit, special events like fishing trips or special dinners, opportunities to spend time with family and friends in a memorable way.) We urge the hospice team to be creative in helping patients and families design unique and memorable events.

At this time, requests for the following will not be reviewed or granted*:
• Bill payments or cash
• Reimbursements for already-completed experiences
• Legal assistance
• Automobiles or automobile repairs
• Property and home improvements
• Funeral services, cremation, or any service after death of intended recipient
• Medical treatment/supplies/equipment/transportation
• Requests that are political, legal, or dangerous in nature

*This list is not all-inclusive. NHF reserves the right to deny request not on this list.

Fund Information
The Lighthouse of Hope Fund is a fund maintained and managed by the National Hospice Foundation, a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization that is part of a family of organizations housed in the National Center for Care at the End of Life. The seed funding came from the assets of the Lighthouse Foundation, which were generously designated NHF in mid-2012 when the parent hospice of the Lighthouse Foundation was purchased. Additional funds will be added to the Lighthouse of Hope Fund through annual fees of participating hospices, and the generous contributions of individuals, corporations and foundations.

To learn more, visit www.nationalhospicefoundation.org/LighthouseOfHopeFund

To make a donation, visit www.nationalhospicefoundation.org/DonateLighthouse.

To ask any questions, email info@nationalhospicefoundation.org or call 877-470-6472.