

Messiah Respite Project – Memorial Funds Request Process

1. Purpose

The Messiah Respite Project has received access to memorial funds donated by families impacted by dementia to help other families who are also impacted. Access to these funds may be requested by families in need of support for dementia care-related expenses. Funds are intended to positively impact families and ease the cost of expenses associated with their loved ones' dementia care, safety and engagement— such as transportation, in-home care, supplies, or wellness needs.

2. Eligibility

- Participant and/or Primary Caregiver must be currently enrolled and actively participating in the Messiah Respite Project. Active participation is defined as attending one respite event per calendar year, with flexibility given for scheduling, health of participant and other unavoidable conflicts.
- Priority will be given to families who are members of Messiah Lutheran Church, however it is not a requirement.

3. Application Process

- Application form is available online at: www.Messiah.us/respite-care
- Family caregivers complete a short form including:
 - Participant information
 - Intended use of funds
- Please contact Mollie George at molliegeorge@unomaha.edu with any questions on this process.

4. Selection Criteria

Applications will be reviewed within 30 days by members of the Messiah Respite Project Leadership Team considering:

- Active participation in the Messiah Respite Project
- Potential impact of the funds on the family's wellbeing
- Availability of funds

5. Distribution of Funds

- Amount of funds distributed for approved requests will be determined on a case-by-case basis, potential impact it would have and available funding.
- Funds may be issued as direct payment to vendor or reimbursement of expenses upon approval.