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LIFTING A FINANCIAL BURDEN: PATIENT ASSISTANCE FUNDS AT UCH

Six hundred dollars may sound to some like a small gift, but it means the world to a patient and his spouse spending more than 18 days receiving neurological trauma care 200 miles from home. When you are faced with the prospect of being airlifted to University of Colorado Hospital, you experience a range of emotions. “So much goes through your mind and you don’t know the outcome,” said Sandra Romig. “It was scary watching my husband be in such a serious condition.”

Thomas Romig had fallen off a ladder at the couple’s Wyoming home and hit his head. After several years passed, he got a severe headache and knew something wasn’t quite right. He was diagnosed with brain bleed, a condition that can happen years after the initial trauma. When the Romigs went to their local hospital, it was evident he needed specialty care. That’s when Thomas was airlifted to UCH.

“On day three of his hospital stay, a woman walked in to our room with a \$600

gift card and told us to use it however we needed,” Sandra said. “This gift really put our minds at ease, and we used it for groceries and gas.”

The benefactor who made this gift possible was the Jamie Beck Family Foundation, established after the 2015 death of wife and mother Jamie Beck who passed away after an aneurism ruptured in her brain.

Patient assistance funds at UCH are crucial for patients and families like the Romigs during difficult times. These funds help cover transportation costs, food and other living expenses, while the families focus on recovery.

Because of the generosity of the Jamie Beck Family Foundation, Sandra was able to spend valuable time with her husband as he received treatment and recovered.

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