



Specific Grant Allocation for Gerald Hart

Dear Fellow Flight Attendants

In February, 2005, I was diagnosed with lung cancer at just 38 years old. I was shocked beyond belief – especially since I have never smoked a cigarette in my life! Within weeks I commenced radiation treatment at Johns Hopkins Hospital through a nuclear medicine drug called Photofrin. This radiation drug did not allow me to be exposed to any type of UV sunlight for 60-90 days. Fortunately the treatment was a success.

It was a battle that I fought and won until February 3, 2011 – exactly six years later, following my annual bronchoscope. The doctors told my wife that all was well and that I could extend to check-ups every two years. Six days later I received a call saying that they had “made a mistake – the cancer had returned.”

I repeated the treatment that I’d taken in 2005, with radiation and the nuclear medicine (Photofrin that causes me to “hibernate” for 90 days.) So, I am IN THE DARK once again! I am optimistic; however, I now face many financial challenges. Facing cancer for the second time with two young boys (ages 6 and 8) is difficult enough, but they are also a very physical challenge, as well. We are also rarely prepared for the financial burden that comes with a lengthy recovery period. Health insurance just doesn’t cover your expenses, as you would expect!

I heard about The Pegasus Project, but I didn’t know much about what they offered or where to begin getting their assistance. I am a very private person and was almost too shy to share my personal situation with my coworkers. Several friends encouraged me to accept the help, wherever I could find it. It wasn’t until the medical bills began to significantly impact our financial situation that I decided to get onboard with this program. Though their assistance is tremendous, I find that I will still run out of their grant money before I am able to return to work so we decided to hold this fundraiser, as well.

I would like to thank you, in advance, for taking the time to read this, and for your consideration in participating in this fundraiser that Pegasus is hosting on my behalf. I hope to see you on the line, again, soon!

Sincerely,
Gerald Hart, Jr.

If you would like to support me please fill out a Specific Grant form and mail to the Pegasus Project; PO Box 40035; Phoenix, AZ 85067.