**Case #1.** This case involves a seven-year-old sickle cell patient who has been experiencing multiple pain crisis events. The caregiver is single, making it difficult to work as often as they are used to because they need to stay home with the patient. This has resulted in reduced income over the past two months, and unfortunately, the caregiver has gotten behind on rent. The caregiver also has two other children who attend daycare and have developmental delays that require treatment. The caregiver is hoping to get the patient’s pain crises under better control so they can return to their second job and get back on their feet**. For your consideration, we are requesting assistance with rent for $1,250. Total Ask: $1,250 APPROVED**

**Case #2.** This case involves a recently unexpectedly diagnosed nine-month-old sickle cell patient who relocated to Northeast Arkansas from Tennessee due to high exposure to community violence. The family is comprised of a single parent and three children. The family was not expecting the patient’s diagnosis, which requires them to travel to ACH often for treatment and follow-up. The family does not have personal transportation, so they utilize Medicaid transport. The service can sometimes be unreliable and is not available to help with all their transportation needs. The parent works as much as possible while the children are in school but has to get rides to/from, which can be a struggle. The parent does not have family/friends in the area and has relied on help from neighbors. The parent has been trying to save up to purchase a vehicle and is seeking monetary assistance to help buy a car, which would be a life changer for the family. She can contribute $950 toward the purchase. **In summary, we request $5,000 for a vehicle for your consideration. Total Ask: $5,000 APPROVED**

**Case #3.** This case involves a five-year-old patient with a chronic illness (end-stage kidney failure) that requires them to be on dialysis nightly. Parents are currently going through a separation, requiring both parents to now be employed to manage finances. The patient will be under their mother’s care, and she does not have a personal vehicle. The family has limited resources but does everything possible to get the patient to all appointments. Adding a car will help the mom start working again and lessen the burden of other support for her transportation needs. The vehicle has not been picked out yet. The Social Work department will ensure that the car is in good condition. **In summary, we request $5,000 towards a car for your consideration.** **Total Ask: $5,000 APPROVED**

**Case #4.** This case involves a newborn patient who was diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis. The family lives in NWA (about 3 hours from ACH) and has another child with special needs. The ACH Neonatal Intensive Care Unit’s current isolation policy to protect all patients’ health does not allow the sibling to stay with the family on campus. The family has been driving back and forth to ensure consistency for the sibling with special needs requiring specialty care appointments that must be kept. This family has a limited support system of friends. The Family has some savings, but at this time, the mom cannot work due to recovery from labor and delivery. The father is currently on FMLA from work to remain with the patient and help care for the other child. The family is asking for help with car payments for each parent ($445.74 and $531.43). **Total ask: $977.17 towards car payments APPROVED**

**Case #5.** This case involves a seventeen-month-old patient who has been admitted since last summer for acute hypoxic respiratory failure, which resulted in the patient being trach/vent dependent. The family has been at ACH daily for the training needed to prepare to go home. The parents work part-time and travel frequently from Northwest Arkansas (about 3.5 hrs.) to complete this training. Due to the long-term hospitalization and training needs, the family has been unable to keep up with their rent and car payment needs for the past few months. **We are requesting your consideration of rent assistance for $3001.82 and car payment assistance for $1836.05.** **Total ask: $4, 837.87 APPROVED**

**Case #6.** This case involves a nearly month-old premature patient from Northwest Arkansas diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis. The patient was admitted to ACH to receive specialty care for this condition. While this care is much needed, it has unfortunately separated the patient from her parents and three siblings. Additionally, the patient is relying on the mother for breastmilk, which is incredibly beneficial to premature infants and has been shown to speed recovery. The family has a limited support system and limited resources available to them. The mom was hospitalized due to complications from the patient’s birth. She usually stays at home to care for other children, and due to the needs of the mom/patient, the patient’s father had to take time away from work to remain with the children. The family’s home is approximately 170 miles away from Little Rock. With the current average gas price of around $3, we estimate each trip will cost the family an average of $50.00. We are uncertain how long the patient will remain in Little Rock but estimate that they will spend at least $600.00 in fuel over the next three months to make the trip to Little Rock once a week. If the mom can bring a stock of her breastmilk during weekly visits, this could be life-changing for the patient. **Therefore, we request your consideration of $600 towards a gas card. Total Ask: $600.00 APPROVED**

**Case #7.** This case involves a two-month-old baby in our Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. The patient was born premature and continues to endure significant medical challenges. The patient has chronic lung disease, among other diagnoses and medical concerns. The parents have fallen behind on several bills and payments; however, their primary concern is ensuring their apartment is safe for the patient upon discharge. The patient’s mother has contacted their property owner to arrange carpet and mold removal services, but the apartment complex is not currently motivated to pay to address these concerns. **Therefore, we are** **requesting your consideration of $2,500 toward cleaning needs. Total Ask: $2.500 The cost of cleaning the apartment is higher than the council’s research on the cleaning cost. The SW will investigate whether they can break their lease and ask for ACH legal counsel to assist. They will also make sure that competitive bids were researched. NO VOTE WAS TAKEN. This case will be reconsidered when more information is available.**

**Case #8.** This case involves ten-month-old twins seen in Complex Care. Both patients were admitted into theNeonatal Intensive Care Unit back in the summer of 2023, with one of the twins staying until the end of the year. While the twins were admitted, the patient’s father was tragically killed. This tragic situation resulted in the mom losing all emotional/financial support from the father’s side of the family. Additionally, the mother has three other children, and her only support is her mother, who is battling her own serious medical condition. The enormity of these circumstances has caused the mother to get behind on everything, including rent and electricity payments. **Therefore, we request your consideration of $408.02 for rent and $209.62 for the electric bill. Total Ask: $617.64**

**Case 9:** This case involves a toddler admitted to ACH following a trauma. The patient and caregiver were crossing the street when a car struck the patient. The car was going at a high rate of speed and was swerved to miss the patient’s father. This resulted in a patient having a TBI and needing inpatient rehab therapy. The patient’s mother lost her job due to needing to be at ACH with the patient. It is expected that at discharge, the patient will need a stroller for longer distances for a short period during their recovery. The patient will not need a wheelchair. **Therefore, we request your consideration of $85.00 towards purchasing a stroller. THIS CASE WAS NOT CONSIDERED because another party filled the request.**