



# Kelly Anne Dolan Memorial Fund

Help & hope for families with seriously ill children, since 1976.

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To our friends at Ambler Area Running Club:

What a great surprise to realize and receive the \$10,000 donation for our organization as a result of your hard work and dedication in producing the most successful Fireside Frostbite Five Miler in February. To say we are extremely fortunate to have you as partners in our work would be an understatement. How lucky for us to have been a beneficiary of four AARC events which have provided more than \$35,500 to support our work.

We are beyond grateful for your sensitivity to our mission, encouragement and desire to help us lift the burdens of the special families brought to our attention. This present fiscal year will close at the end of June and it looks like we will have served the uninsured needs of approximately 1400 families in crisis. Many of these households suffer unemployment and a high number are headed by single parents. Our assistance helps families keep the lights and heat on, stay in their homes, fill their gas tanks, keep their phone service, purchase necessary handicap equipment, pay for specialized disease related camps and therapies, provide a decent burial for a child, among other things.

Since we are not disease specific, we get referrals to assist families whose children suffer a spectrum of serious diseases, birth defects, genetic disorders and injuries. The needs of these families are brought to our attention by a large network of social workers, case managers, visiting nurses and other healthcare professionals at hospitals, medical facilities and social service agencies throughout Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware. Requests for assistance are made on-line and we can respond to critical needs within 24 to 72 hours.

My personal appreciation for your commitment to assisting families with seriously ill children and trust in our organization is shared by our board including Bob Cannon, a proud AARC member, our staff, and healthcare colleagues – but more important by the families in crisis who will benefit from your kindness.

Gratefully,

Margaret M. Dolan  
Executive Director