Overview

• Metro Detroit, Michigan area family of four
• Single father, Associates degree, works full-time
• Homeowner with a mortgage
• Three children ages 5, 7 and 14
• Father was diagnosed in August 2019 with Stage 3, nasopharyngeal cancer. Began treatment in September and scheduled to continue until April 2020 at minimum

Treatment Details

Diagnosis required medical attention and treatment at two metro Detroit hospital locations

- 100+ doctors appointments and blood draws
- 30 radiation treatments
- One hospitalization for surgery
- 16 rounds of chemotherapy
- Traveled over 2,500 miles in fewer than six months to two cancer treatment centers

Financial expenses during treatment

Below is a breakdown of expenses accumulated during the father’s journey through the first six months of cancer treatment

**TREATMENT-RELATED EXPENSES**

- $3,000 HEALTH INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE
- $1,375 TRAVEL/TRANSPORTATION — Medical mileage, parking, gas
- $3,000 CO-PAYS — for 80+ appointments
- $420 PHARMACY — Out-of-pocket costs
- $500 MISC. CANCER-RELATED EXPENSES
- **$8,295 TOTAL EXPENSES INCURRED**

**FAMILY EXPENSES**

- $600/mo CHILD SUPPORT — Payments do not get put on hold due to illness

The loss of income and additional expenses made it impossible for this single father to stay on top of his everyday bills during his battle with cancer.

**PRE-DIAGNOSIS**

- $52,000 Father’s full-time salary carried primary insurance policy
- $52,000 Total Pre-Diagnosis Household Income

**POST-DIAGNOSIS**

- $17,680 Lost income
- -$8,295 Additional expenses during cancer treatment
- **$25,975 Total Post-Diagnosis household income**

Including cancer expenses, this father lost 50% of his household income and was not able to pay his child support and his household bills.

New Day Foundation for Families is dedicated to creating a world where no family experiences the financial and emotional burden of cancer alone.