

Dear Barry Community Foundation,

Kyomi's Gift has been a fund within the BCF family for about 15 years. The mission of Kyomi's Gift is to provide financial assistance to families with children that have extraordinary medical needs. In doing this, we are striving towards our vision of a world where all families can focus on their children and be free of the stress of financial burdens during an already challenging time.

The events of 2020 have certainly provided us with some challenges that we have never faced before. The largest challenge for our fund has been the inability to gather family and community into our events. While the primary intent of our events is raising funds, they also play an important role in uniting our community, joining families and friends together to support a cause that we all pray won't directly impact our own families. While the loss of these shared experiences is priceless, the monetary loss can be recovered. We know our community will bounce back and be stronger as we emerge from these recent challenges.

The board of directors at Kyomi's Gift requests assistance from the BCF Board of Directors to help start our financial recovery. Our first big hit from this pandemic came on the day that the state of Michigan shut down. Kyomi's Gift had our largest fundraising event scheduled for Saturday, March 14, 2020. When the governor's stay home, stay safe orders were rolled out on March 13, 2020, we had no choice but to cancel our event. Kyomi's Gift members had countless hours invested in organizing our Shamrockin' Event. This was to include a dinner, live music, and a silent auction. Silent auction prizes have been stored for a later date, but the food and advertising that was purchased was a cost that couldn't be reversed. Our approximate loss in advertising, food, and supplies is \$1,300. In addition to the money paid, Kyomi's Gift lost the opportunity to raise additional funds. Last year's event netted about \$3,500. That's a total loss of about \$4,790 for this one event. In addition to the Shamrockin' event, Kyomi's Gift had planned to raise funds through the Backwoods Triathlon event in August 2020. Anticipated income from this event was between \$3,000 & \$5,000. Total lost funds due to the COVID-19 pandemic is approximately \$7,790 - \$9,790.

Any assistance that Barry Community Foundation can provide is very much appreciated.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Kyomi's Gift Board of Directors