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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **Gas Cards Available for Individuals/Families Battling Cancer**

[Hancock, MI] For the past seven (7) years, the Portage Health Foundation (PHF) has had a partnership with the Keller Family Community Foundation (KFCF) which supports individuals battling cancer in the four-county community (Baraga, Houghton, Keweenaw, and Ontonagon County). The gas card program support the individuals and their families who are traveling to receive treatment out of the area.

The KFCF was started by members of Nick Keller's ("the mileage man") family for a way to support individuals battling cancer and a place for folks to donate when Nick supported snowmobile charity rides like the Snowball Cancer Challenge. This organization has been a wonderful partner with the PHF and has worked to support the needs in the four-county community.

The KFCF granted PHF the monies to expend in support of a transportation program that offers gas only gift cards to individuals and families who are experiencing financial hardship and struggling with the transportation cost for their cancer related treatments, up to \$150 per person/family per a 12 month period. The partnership between KFCF and PHF came about because of the KFCF's desire to support families battling cancer and the struggles of living in a rural community.

**To be eligible for this program, patients must be receiving treatment at UPHS-Portage and live in Baraga, Houghton, Keweenaw or Ontonagon County. Families and individuals can apply for this form of support at UPHS-Portage in the Oncology department.** There will be a short form requesting details to fill out and submit for support. Special thanks to the KFCF for their continued support and partnership in supporting the health of the community.

Please call the PHF office with any questions about how to apply at 906-523-5920 or email them at [info@phfgive.org](mailto:info@phfgive.org)

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