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NEW HOPE FOR LOCAL WOMAN WHO JUST WANTS TO WORK AGAIN

\$1,900+ Raised to Help Lynn Knutson After Life-Changing Brain Injury

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz.—How often do you meet someone who loves to work? In the Scottsdale community, Lynn Knutson is that unique person. A sudden traumatic brain injury disrupted her life and health, but her loving community has raised nearly \$2,000 with the nonprofit Help Hope Live to ensure Lynn has the resources she needs to get back to work and continue her recovery.

Lynn was working at a grocery store and delivering groceries for an older customer when the hatch from an SUV smashed down onto the top of her head. The resulting traumatic brain injury has impacted her speech, mobility, nervous system, vision, and health.

An outgoing, positive, and grateful person, Lynn engaged fully with her community. She gave her energy and talent to her work while making time to kayak, spend time with friends, and offer encouragement and positivity to others.

Lynn qualifies for SSDI based on the extensive effects of the brain injury. While these benefits help with basic quality of living, to make progress in her recovery and return to work, she needs more intensive and specialized treatment out of state in Chicago. That treatment and medical travel are not covered by insurance.

"Her out-of-pocket medical costs in 2022 were greater than her entire disability benefits for the year," explained her son, Tyler. "She only eats because she qualifies for food stamps. Recovery is at a snail's pace without financial help."

That's why Lynn's community is contributing to a fundraising campaign with the trusted national nonprofit Help Hope Live. Donations are tax deductible at:

<https://helphopelive.org/campaign/23027/>

The community has already raised over \$1,900 to help lift the overwhelming burden of medical expenses and related costs.

“Although she has many struggles, she still focusing on all there is to be grateful for,” said Tyler. With the ability to cover travel to the Mind Eye Institute in Chicago and specialized treatment, Lynn’s future will look much brighter: “It gives Lynn so much hope.”

For individuals receiving SSDI like Lynn, funds raised through other fundraising platforms like GoFundMe may be counted as additional income or assets. That’s why Lynn’s community has chosen to fundraise with Help Hope Live, ensuring that all funds raised will be administered by the nonprofit to provide maximum protection for the benefits that Lynn relies on.

Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law, and the nonprofit verifies medical and financial need for every patient. Funds raised can only be used to cover verified medical expenses and related costs.

Help Hope Live is a national nonprofit that specializes in engaging communities in secure, tax-deductible fundraising campaigns for people who need a transplant or are affected by a catastrophic injury or illness. Since 1983, campaigns organized by Help Hope Live have raised over \$188 million to pay patient expenses.

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