



Do you have a moment? This'll just take a minute! I have a story for you.

We had someone stop in our office a few weeks ago. You'd like him. He's a great guy! He's super easy to talk to, has some great stories, and can really get you laughing.

But on this particular day, there wasn't much laughing. Instead, he started with **"I need help."**

Our new friend went on to tell us that he has been receiving dialysis three times a week at a center about 15 miles from his house. But when that center shut down, he had to transfer to the closest clinic **over 50 miles away!** That's 50 miles one way for him to get to dialysis. And remember this is the closest option!

If that weren't bad enough, his appointed treatment slot is 6:30 in the morning. Can you believe he is getting up around **3:30 AM** to get there on time?

He's doing the best he can in his situation – going to dialysis, attending kidney classes, modifying his diet, and still holding out hope for a kidney transplant! But, with the 3-4 hour procedure, early wake-up time, and almost 2-hour round trip commute, he found himself nodding off while driving – **a dangerous situation for both himself and others.** He knew he needed to do something.

After exhausting his other resources and being turned down either due to availability or cost, we were **his last hope.**

I'll be honest. It was a long shot to find volunteers to help as the closest volunteer we had was 20 miles away. We knew we needed more help...

So, we posted on our Facebook page about the situation, desperate to find anyone who could help this man. And then.... **you won't believe what happened!**

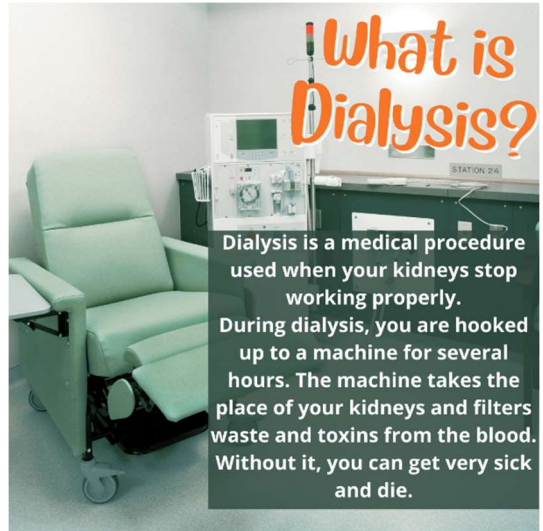
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My Gift to Meet Interfaith's giveBIG Goal

Give
April
3-25th!

Yes! I want to see my neighbors get the **life-saving and life-giving** help they need! Please use my support to meet your fundraising goal so together we can help more people in 2023 and beyond!

- I'm givingBIG with my gift of \$ _____
- I want to giveBIG all year long with my monthly gifts of \$ _____
- Give online at <https://www.mightycause.com/donate/Interfaithpolk> or scan the following QR code to give!



Our post reached over 7,900 people!!! And we received a message *the next day!* And *another* the day after that! And pretty soon, we formed a team of volunteers to help! It turns out that most of these volunteers were actually neighbors, friends, and acquaintances of our friend! Many of them knew he had health struggles but *didn't know how bad things were.*

You'd be surprised how often that's the case. Many clients, including our friend, don't want to be a burden to anyone, so they don't ask for the help that they desperately need. That's why we are so glad that our friend stopped in!

We still can't believe just how many people spread the word and have stepped up to help him! It honestly feels like a miracle. But I know that the only reason we were able to even start the ball rolling was because of people like you that are committed to keeping Interfaith here to help those in need with rides, grocery deliveries, friendly visits, chores, and more!

I know that you support Interfaith already, and you know the importance of keeping our services in the community. For that, I thank you! Without your support and the support of other people in our area, I'm not sure what we would do. And that's why I'm writing this letter.

Interfaith needs donations to keep our important work going. Most of our funding comes from individuals like you. I'd like to ask, would you be willing to help us again?

Interfaith Caregivers is participating in giveBIG Saint Croix Valley on April 25, 2023. GiveBIG is a day of generosity where communities have the opportunity to come together to support the nonprofits in their area. Even though April 25 is the online giving day, donations given anytime from April 3 - April 25 will be **doubled up to \$13,000 thanks to three very generous couples!**

Today I'm asking for your help to make more stories like our friend's possible.

If every person receiving this letter donated \$110, we would meet our fundraising goal for 2023!

Please give as generously as you can on the enclosed envelope to help ensure that our program and services are here to continue providing compassionate care for our neighbors – maybe even yours!



Like we said in our newsletter, we believe in the **Power of One** and YOUR gift, no matter the size, does make a difference!

If you can find it in your heart to help again, I promise you that we will keep working to help the seniors and adults living with disabilities with the help they need to continue living at home for as long as possible. Your support really does matter.

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Luann Olson
Program Director

P.S Remember, your gift can double the difference up to \$13,000 between April 3 and April 25! Thank you for partnering with us to continue giving the gift of independence to more seniors and adults with disabilities in Polk County, WI.

