



HSPH Special Gift Fund

Background

The Hennepin County Special Gift Fund (SGF), established in 1970, provides limited financial support to individuals currently receiving services from Hennepin County Health and Human Services. The fund is intended to help address urgent needs or crisis situations when no other funding sources are available.

Requests for assistance must be submitted by the individual's Hennepin County case manager or social worker. Support is limited to a maximum of \$200 per person per year. All contributions to the Special Gift Fund come from staff and external donors; no tax dollars are used.

2025 Financial Summary

HSPH Accounting was consulted to reconcile the Special Gift Fund budget to ensure all expenses were captured and reflected accurately.

1/1/2025 Balance	\$41,368.10
2025 Total Disbursements	(\$ 8,387.99)
2025 Cash Donations	<u>\$ 3,006.00</u>
12/31/2025 Year End Balance	\$35,986.11

2025 Summary of Donations

The Special Gift Fund consists of 100% cash donations

- Remaining funds roll over annually
- The fund received cash donations totaling \$767.00
- HSPH annual craft & bake sale and silent auction: \$2,239.00 from staff

Summary of expenditures

In 2025, the Special Gift Fund provided financial assistance to 54 individuals, addressing a wide range of needs stemming from personal crises or challenging circumstances. Many grants supported physical and mental health, housing stability, clothing and other essential basic needs.

The Special Gift Fund also enabled individuals access to newborn supplies following medically complex births, obtain appropriate interview attire, and secure critical support when fleeing from domestic violence. Additional assistance was provided for medical expenses not covered by insurance and for basic necessities arising from unforeseen events.