



Joe, a 60-year-old homeless man, was literally being kept alive with medication secured through a United Way funded program while he awaited a liver transplant from Montefiore Medical Center. In July 2019, Joe had gone to a mobile health clinic as he wasn't feeling well. After numerous tests, the doctor identified liver failure as well as other significant health issues. As Joe had no insurance, the clinic staff was able to help him enroll in Emergency Medicaid that would cover his transplant surgery, but his numerous medications were not covered by Medicaid. Through a special program that covered the cost of the medications, funded through United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region – and using FamilyWize's Prescription Discount Card – Joe received the numerous, expensive prescription medications to ensure his liver functions until surgery in late March. However, with the COVID-19 pandemic, Joe's transplant surgery was rescheduled for July 2020. So for one year, your support of United Way paid for Joe's life-preserving medications as he awaited his surgery. Now post-surgery, he is recovering and is looking forward to moving from rehabilitation into his first apartment.

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