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You Saved Two Lives — It All Started with a Farmers Market

llen* loves going to farmers markets. She heard about a new one in West Warwick hosted by Thundermist and thought she'd go check it out. That was nine years ago and the first time she ever heard of Thundermist.

That day, she walked inside and asked, "What are you all about?" When she learned about the care we provide, she figured she would try it out. She hadn't had a primary care provider in years, so why not?

Ellen shares – "It always bothered me that people couldn't get highquality health care if they didn't have insurance."

You changed that!

You make sure people like Ellen always have access to care, even during a global pandemic. Ellen is grateful for you, especially now.



Who doesn't love a good farmers' market? Ellen bought some veggies and became a patient all at once at Thundermist's West Warwick Farmers Market nine years ago.

Ellen's husband, Pat, tested positive for COVID-19. Then, five days later, Ellen tested positive too. They were very sick, but their doctor made sure they got a life-saving infusion treatment. Because of you, they got top-notch care and started to get better. Dr. Poshkus, Ellen's doctor, called to check on her and Pat as they recovered. "Dr. Poshkus

even remembered Pat's name – he's not even his patient!"

You are helping people like Ellen and Pat get better, get back on their feet, and stay healthy!

*Names have been changed to protect patient privacy.

Leaving Your Legacy

Leaving a gift to Thundermist in your will is a once in a lifetime chance to give access to care for future generations, even after you're gone.

You'll leave a legacy and reminder of your compassion for years to come. To learn how easy it is leave a gift to Thundermist in your will, get in touch with Jessica Null at 401-235-6887 or JessicaNu@ThundermistHealth.org.



FACTBOX:

How you are helping:

- You helped to provide more than 13,600 COVID-19 tests.
- You gave masks to more than 60,000 community members in need.
- You gave more than 50 comfort kits to help patients through the holidays.
- You helped 11,241 get life-saving care at respiratory clinics.



You can help end the pandemic this year









Last year, you made 401Gives a HUGE success during a time of crisis – when we had no idea what was in store for the year ahead.

Help END the COVID-19 pandemic with your gift on 401Gives Day:

THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2021!

You made sure that frontline workers had equipment to stay safe, that people got tested for COVID-19, and you helped ensure people could talk to their counselors and see their providers — even if it looked different.

THANK YOU!

One year later, we are starting to see a light at the end of the tunnel, and you have helped the most vulnerable people in your community get through this last year.

Now you can bring the COVID-19 vaccine to those at the highest-risk during this pandemic.

That's right, this year, on 401Gives Day, April 1, 2021 you will help the healing. You will help with recovery. You will help bring an end to this pandemic.

Please visit, tinyurl.com/401Gives21 on April 1 to make a gift to help someone who is at highest risk for COVID-19 get vaccinated, make sure they have transportation to their appointments, and get both doses of their vaccine, so we can all get through this.

COPD during COVID-19:

Jane survived thanks to you

ou can get care, the same care, at Thundermist no matter what you can pay." That's why Jane* is so thankful to you. You helped her get care during COVID-19. You helped Jane get better.



Jane needed help
when she was sick this
winter. She was having
trouble with her COPD
and couldn't breathe.
She came to the health
center and was tested for
COVID-19 (which was

negative). Her provider, Leanne, tried to adjust her medications, but that didn't help. She was so sick, one of the nurses offered to call her an ambulance.

Over the next three weeks, Jane was in and out of the hospital. Her care team followed her closely and made sure she got better. When she came back to Thundermist for a follow-up, she was so relieved her provider already knew what happened in the hospital. She loves that, no matter what, she is being cared for!

Jane is now on the road to recovery, working closely with her medical team and her new counselor.

She shares, "I just want to live my life again." **Because of you, she is on her way to doing just that.**

I just want to live my life again.

She drove for the first time in nine weeks recently and it was empowering. She looks forward to getting out there and shooting the photography she loves again soon.

All thanks to you! You are inspiring stories like these every day! Thank you!

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Moonlight goes virtual again; now if we could only figure out how to golf on Zoom...

Safety is always our top concern. We made the difficult decisions to cancel our in-person fundraising events this year. We will miss seeing you in person!

But, we hope you will join us virtually on September 23 at 6:30 p.m. Auctioneer extraordinaire Cathy MacPherson will be with us once again. Join us to learn more about the work you make possible, participate in our online auction, and make a gift from the comfort of your own home!

If you would like to donate an item for our silent auction or learn more about sponsorship opportunities, contact Jessica Null at (401) 235-6887 or JessicaNu@ThundermistHealth.org.





Sustainers Society – Continuing to make Health Care Happen

Thank you to our sustainers! You give generously each month making health care possible not just for today, but for years to come. If you are interested in becoming a health care sustainer, please contact Jessica Null at 401-235-6887 or JessicaNu@ ThundermistHealth.org.

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