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The Friends of Patients at the National Institutes of Health provide Hope and Healing by giving emotional and financial support to patients receiving groundbreaking and life-saving treatments at the NIH.

## ***The Healing Power of Hugs***

Dear Friend,

Marie\* had been at NIH for eight months and hadn't seen her 14 year-old twin boys and her 8 year-old daughter during her stay. She needed to see her children.



When she agreed to start the AML (Acute Myeloid Leukemia) trial, her initial protocol stay was expected to be 100 days. She braced herself to be gone from her children that long.

But now, at over 240 days, it was unbearable. She needed to hug her children. Friends of Patients at the NIH flew her children from Texas because hugs have unimaginable healing power.

***Make a gift today so that all hugs are possible. [CLICK HERE.](#)***

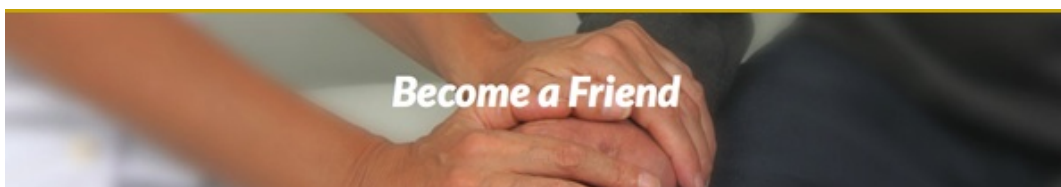
Friends of Patients at the NIH helps reunite loved ones and family members participating in a clinical trial when it is not otherwise financially possible. When you make your gift, you bridge the distance between loved ones and promote healing. Happy Holiday to you and yours. Please send lots of hugs!

Sincerely,

*Heidi*

Heidi Grolig  
CEO

\*Names have been changed to protect patient privacy.



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