

Dear Service Providers:

The B. Thomas Golisano Life Enhancement Fund is accepting applications for the 2019 calendar year. With generous financial support from Tom Golisano, the Life Enhancement Fund was created within the Future Care Planning Services Community Pooled Trust to provide an opportunity to enrich the lives of upstate New Yorkers with disabilities and special needs. We are honored to offer this amazing opportunity to our community.

Life Enhancement Funds may be used to help offset the cost of a wide range of goods and/or services intended to enhance the quality of life for a person with a disability. The identified needs must be for the sole benefit of the beneficiary. These may include goods or services related to the beneficiary’s health, welfare or living environment.

**Eligibility:** The Fund welcomes applications from professionals affiliated with charitable or other service organizations on behalf of individual beneficiaries.

* Beneficiaries must have a disability as defined by Social Security law.
* Beneficiaries must apply through a charitable or other service organization.
* Beneficiaries must live in upstate New York: The Greater Rochester/Finger Lakes region, East to Syracuse and West to Buffalo.
* Beneficiaries must live in an independent setting. Not a certified residential setting.
* Beneficiaries are eligible for one grant per calendar year.
* Gifts may be approved up to $500.
* Gifts will be made payable directly to the requesting agency (charitable or other service organization) to reimburse the agency for the approved purchase on behalf of the beneficiary.

**Application:** Completed applications may be mailed, faxed or emailed to:

**B. Thomas Golisano Life Enhancement Fund**

Future Care Community Pooled Trust

1000 Elmwood Avenue, Suite 500, Rochester New York 14620-3098

**golisanofund@futurecareplanning.org**

Fax: 585-210-4048 Phone 585-402-7840, ext. 0

**Process:**

Applications will be reviewed as received from professionals on behalf of the beneficiary. An acknowledgement of receipt will be forwarded within five (5) business days. The Trustees review each application monthly. If a request is approved, an authorization letter will be forwarded to the community professional who will arrange to purchase the item. Once the item is purchased, the community professional must forward a copy of the receipt and the authorization letter to the Future Care office for reimbursement. Future Care will issue a reimbursement check made payable to the agency.

We are grateful for Mr. Golisano’s remarkable combination of generosity, commitment, passion and interest in upstate New Yorkers who live with disabilities and special needs. We look forward to making lives better through the B. Thomas Golisano Life Enhancement Fund.

Warmest Regards,

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Jennifer Helmbold, MPA

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