Hi, I'm Mary and I was recently diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer. I wasn't sure what to do. I am 70 and live on a fixed income of $26,000 per year. I have limited savings and a lot of ongoing expenses. I pay over $2,000 a month for rent, food, co-pays for doctor visits and over-the-counter medications to manage other conditions.

Then my financial navigator told me about charitable foundations that provide financial assistance to people like me who can't afford the out-of-pocket costs for their medications.

My doctor said that this medication is the best treatment for me, but it may cost a lot out-of-pocket. She recommended that I meet with a financial navigator to see if he could help me.

The prescribed medication is a branded medication with no generic equivalent. It is in the highest "specialty tier" on Mary's prescription drug benefit. It has an annual out-of-pocket cost of approximately $5,000.

We discussed a few possible ways for me to afford my treatment, but none of them worked out.

I was very relieved. With help from the charitable foundation, I was able to fill my prescription right away.

Learn more at www.panfoundation.org
About the PAN Foundation

The Patient Access Network (PAN) Foundation is an independent, national 501 (c)(3) organization dedicated to helping federally and commercially insured people living with life-threatening, chronic and rare diseases with the out-of-pocket costs for their prescribed medications. Partnering with generous donors, healthcare providers and pharmacies, PAN provides the underinsured population access to the healthcare treatments they need to best manage their conditions and focus on improving their quality of life. Since its founding in 2004, PAN has provided nearly 1 million underinsured patients with over $3 billion in financial assistance, through close to 70 disease-specific programs.