



# Critical Needs

## Meet the People We Help...

### **Problem**

Jeff was a single dad raising two children when his son suddenly became seriously ill and required a kidney transplant. Jeff's employer allowed him a leave of work, but he would need a place to stay and a lot of help as he moved his family closer to the hospital and waited for a matching organ donation. With so many detailed logistical decisions needing to be made quickly, Jeff didn't know where to begin.

### **Solution**

Jeff learned of JF&CS from a friend living in Pittsburgh and was referred to our resource coordinator when he called and explained his situation. Our resource coordinator first found Jeff and his sons affordable temporary housing. She then enrolled Jeff's younger daughter in a local preschool program and arranged volunteers to deliver meals to their family, so that Jeff didn't have to spend all of his free time in the kitchen. After a successful transplant operation the JF&CS resource coordinator recommended additional resources to support Jeff as he returned home.

### **Outcome**

Jeff joined a support group for single parents in his hometown and now enjoys making memories with both of his healthy children. He always stops by to visit JF&CS when they're in town for follow-up checkups... our resource coordinator doesn't mind one bit cleaning up her office after a visit from two kids full of health and energy!