



Dear Service Providers:

The B. Thomas Golisano Life Enhancement Fund is accepting applications for the 2025 calendar year! With generous financial support from Tom Golisano, the Life Enhancement Fund was created within the Future Care Planning Services Third Party Community Pooled Trust to provide an enrichment opportunity for upstate New Yorkers with disabilities and special needs.

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 and include goods or services related to the beneficiary's living environment.

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

- Beneficiaries must be 18 or older and have a disability as defined by the Social Security Administration.
- 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, South to Pennsylvania border.
- Beneficiaries must live in an independent setting. Not a certified residential setting.
- Beneficiaries are eligible for one gift per calendar year.
- Gifts may be awarded 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.
- Requested item (s) have not previously been purchased and paid for by another person or entity.

Application: Completed applications may be emailed, faxed, or mailed 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. If a request is approved, an authorization letter is 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, proof of payment and the authorization letter no later than 90 days from the approval date 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, and we are honored to offer this amazing opportunity to our community.

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Helmbold", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Jennifer Helmbold, MPA
Division Leader – Trust Administrator