

Who looks after you when your health fails?



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Barbara,
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As Christmas approaches, many more doctors just like Barbara are facing the added pressure of declining finances due to ill health.

As financial obligations grow, stress and anxiety are on the rise and the health of many more doctors is compromised. Our primary goal is to help doctors living through crisis return to work or financial independence while providing monetary and where required, counselling support. We want to support ALL doctors regardless of their crisis, but sadly, due to lack of funds, we still have to say no to some healthcare professionals who desperately need our support.

Please donate to the Medical Benevolent Association of NSW today and help us say 'yes' to more doctors suffering ill health and who can't pay the rent this Christmas.

What does it really take to help a doctor in crisis?

Even a small donation can make a big difference to a doctor in need



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With thanks to your donations, the Medical Benevolent Association of NSW has successfully provided a financial, emotional and medical support system to thousands of unwell doctors in New South Wales and ACT for more than 122 years.

\$50

Helps cover the cost of travel for essential treatment and therapy

\$100

Helps cover the cost of prescribed medicines for treatment

\$200

Puts food on the table for a doctor and their family for one week

\$500

Pays for two-month's health insurance for a doctor needing treatment

\$1,000

Pays the electricity bill for a doctor and their family for two months

Incurable disease doesn't discriminate



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DOCTORS DEDICATE THEIR LIVES to curing illness and helping those around them maintain optimal health.

As a profession deep-rooted in providing healthcare solutions to others, when a **doctor's health fails** it can be traumatic, depressing and shrouded in unfamiliarity.

No one can tell you that better than Barbara. A GP in her 50s, Barbara's health has gradually declined after receiving a diagnosis of **Multiple Sclerosis** five years ago.

While Barbara had to initially reduce her hours in a job she loved, her symptoms became so severe earlier this year she got to the point she could no longer work at all.

She had worked a full and healthy life and made solid plans for her retirement. Sadly,

once her symptoms became unmanageable, Barbara's only choice was to retire much earlier than planned.

By the time Barbara was referred to the social worker at MBANSW she had accrued a credit card debt, had fallen into rent arrears and was facing eviction. Barbara was able to discuss with the **MBANSW social worker** the ways her illness had affected her life emotionally, physically and financially. MBANSW was also able to offer short term financial help for rent that allowed her enough time to find more suitable and affordable accommodation and to access support services in the local community.

With thanks to the generosity of donors, the MBANSW was able to assist Barbara through a complex and stressful period in her life.

Please donate today to help support more GPs like Barbara living with a life-altering illness



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