

**Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America - Michigan Chapter**  
**JARED STEPHEN WILLIAMS MEDICATION ASSISTANCE FUND (JWMF)**

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This medication assistance program is set up in memoriam for Jared Williams, an active young man who lived life to the fullest, even as asthma was becoming difficult for him to manage. Although he and his wife had insurance, it was very difficult to pay for the deductibles and co-pays, some of which exceeded \$200 for a single prescription. Like so many others, Jared tried stretching usage from month to month. Because he felt well, Jared did not consider the dangers of this practice. Sadly, this problem caught up with him and on November 13, 2014, Mr. Williams suffered a severe asthma attack resulting in his death.

His family and friends wanted to honor a life well lived and decided to begin the "Strikes for Asthma" bowling fundraiser to raise funds to help others affected by asthma. These funds were given to the Asthma & Allergy Foundation of America - Michigan Chapter (AAFA-MI), who set up a medication assistance program to help those in the Grand Rapids area, where Jared lived. In addition to temporary assistance paying for medications, AAFA-MI will provide education and training so people learn to better manage their condition, as well as helping them navigate the insurance puzzle.

To that end, here are the requirements to gain help from the JWMF:

1. Assistance is intended as a "stop-gap" and temporary support for anyone having trouble paying their co-pay or deductible.
2. It is intended for those in the Grand Rapids area.
3. Individuals of any age and families are welcome to apply.
4. Fund is intended for lower-income individuals and families.
5. Complete the JWMF Request for Help application.
6. Complete the Asthma Control Survey.
7. AAFA-MI will provide asthma and medication education, as well as guidance on navigating the health care system.

**Co-pay and Deductible Assistance Program Eligibility:**

- Meet financial criteria based on household size and household income
- Diagnosed with asthma and being currently treated
- Current Insurance coverage for the prescribed medication or health insurance application pending
- Have a plan ready for next month's medication needs

**For more details and the application - visit our website: [www.aafamich.org](http://www.aafamich.org) JWMF Med Support page, or contact:**

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