

HOW YOU CAN HELP RESCU

1. Donate your time or services:



Advocacy: Advocates work with patients on a one-to-one basis, contacting doctors and hospitals to help negotiate down medical payments and bills. We need people who are good listeners and have good phone skills.



Professional Services: We need doctors, dentists, psychologists, counselors and nurses who might be willing to donate services or provide discounted rates.



Resources: Contact us if you have any knowledge, information, or a particular service that you believe may help RESCU help others.

2. RESCU Rally:

Attend or volunteer when our community gathers for RESCU. If your festival does not already have a Rally, YOU could be the person to get one started.

3. Make a Donation:

Donate at a RESCU event, online or through the mail.

4. Networking:

Encourage professional "service" or end-of-year donations from friends and family that could aid our RESCU community.

5. Use GoodSearch.com: Set up your computer to use GoodSearch.com

(powered by Yahoo!) as your search engine and online shopping mall. Then, every time you search the internet or make an online purchase at one of their partner merchants, GoodSearch makes a donation to RESCU.

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RESCU CDS AND PEWTER LAPEL PIN

CONCERT FOR A QUEEN:

Go online for the original compilation of music donated by many talented musicians. It is an easy listen with a wide variety of music.



ENCORE FOR A QUEEN:

The second in the series is also available online, as musicians again have donated their talents and music to benefit RESCU. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.



RESCU LAPEL PIN:



Proudly display your support for the RESCU Foundation and all its efforts. Available online.

www.RESCUfoundation.org

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The RESCU Foundation is a non-profit organization established to promote and maintain the health and medical well-being of the participants of Renaissance Faires, historical performances and other artistic events through financial assistance, advocacy, education, and preventative programs.

WHAT IS THE RESCU FOUNDATION?

Four members of the Renaissance community founded the RESCU Foundation in 2003. The board of directors has since grown to a diverse panel committed to help those in medical crisis. The goal is to assist all participants and artists-at-large with the ability to find the critical resources needed to overcome difficult times.

OUR GOALS ARE...

-  To create a unified, caring community that can rally and support each individual in times of health and illness.
-  To offer support and training through our growing Advocacy Program.
-  To educate the community about current health issues by providing training and workshops like first aid and CPR.
-  To establish a doctor's network and RN program to help alleviate the burden of medical care on the road.

How CAN RESCU HELP YOU?



Financial Assistance:

We are here to help. Financial assistance for your critical medical needs is available to you and your dependents. Please fill out an Aid Request Form and submit it to us, along with ALL PERTINENT MEDICAL BILLS. Aid Request Forms are available from RESCU representatives at your faire, or can be downloaded from our website: www.RESCUfoundation.org



Advocacy:

An Advocate can contact doctors and hospitals on your behalf or provide tips on how to successfully negotiate down your bills yourself. Simply fill out and sign the Advocacy Consent page of the Aid Request Form.



Communicate:

Visit our website for complete RESCU information. Post your questions, concerns and ideas on our RESCU Foundation forums: www.RESCUfoundation.org

Check out our MySpace page to see the latest bulletins and friendly faces. www.myspace.com/RESCUfoundation

Talk to your RESCU representatives at your festival; or call us at **1-800-374-9215**. All information concerning your health issues is held in complete confidence in accordance with HIPAA regulations.

NEED MORE HELP?

Here are additional organizations and agencies that can help you and your family during medical, emotional or financial troubles:

IMPORTANT TIPS

- ▶ **Free Clinics:** For a state by state listing of free clinics across the country: www.uniteforsight.org/freeclinics.php www.freemedicalcamps.com/index/php
- ▶ **Teaching Hospitals:** If you know you are in need of dental or medical care in advance, try calling the local teaching hospitals for reduced rates.
- ▶ **Partnership for Prescription Assistance:** Apply for free or discounted prescriptions from medical companies: www.pparx.com
- ▶ **Physicians Fee Schedule:** Use the 5-digit billing code on your bills to see what the insured pay for services performed. This can be used to help negotiate down your bill: www.medicare.gov and www.cms.hhs.gov/center/physician.asp
- ▶ **Pharmacy Checker:** Site compares the vast pricing differences of national and Internet pharmacies. When possible...go generic! www.pharmacychecker.com
- ▶ **Hospitals:** Anyone can apply for financial assistance from hospitals. Remember, if we make money in that state, and pay income tax to that state, we are residents of that state at that time!
- ▶ **Really Helpful Agencies**
- ▶ **Craft Emergency Relief Fund (CERF):** Provides assistance to help sustain a craft artist's career when an emergency occurs. www.craftemergency.org
- ▶ **The Actor's Fund:** Helps with financial assistance for working actors in crisis. Can assist with basic living expenses and medical expenses. www.actorfund.org
- ▶ **Will Rogers Motion Picture Pioneers Assistance Fund:** Helps those who have worked in the exhibition, distribution or production of theater or movies who are encountering an illness, injury or life-changing event. Call 888-994-3863 for info on aid and grant programs. www.wrpioneers.org
- ▶ **United Way:** Provides assistance for recovery from any disaster. (See "Dial 211" panel) www.unitedway.org

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We want to help.

DIAL 211

While services that are offered through 211 vary from community to community, 211 provides information about human services for every day needs and in times of crisis. **Did you know** that 211 is available in 41 states across the country? (211 must be dialed from a landline phone or a payphone.) Even while you travel from state to state and need help, you can turn to 211. This service can link you to help lines for rent & utility assistance, food banks, clothing closets, shelters, medical information lines, crisis intervention services, counseling, drug and alcohol intervention/rehab, support for persons with disabilities, after school programs, mentoring, tutoring, protective services and a wealth of additional support agencies.

NATIONWIDE — www.211.org

Don't give up. Don't be afraid.
We'll help you as much as we can to get you started and on your way to less troubled times.

