

Dear X Lion's Club

My name is x and I am writing to request your club's assistance. I was referred to the x club because of your dedication and devotion to helping those with visual impairments or unique medical needs.

I (My child) have (has) a rare genetic condition called Hermansky-Pudlak Syndrome. HPS is a rare type of albinism. Not only does it cause legal blindness, but it also causes a bleeding disorder, digestive problems and a life-threatening progressive pulmonary fibrosis (scarring of the lungs). (Consider adjusting if not all symptoms fit you.)

March 6 – 8, 2015, I have the opportunity to attend a conference for those with HPS at the Uniondale Marriott hotel on Long Island. The HPS Network, a patient advocacy organization, is organizing this annual event.

At this conference patients (parents) like me (my child) will have the opportunity to meet with the only physicians in the world familiar with this rare syndrome. I'll have the opportunity to learn about the latest research and treatment options that might benefit me (my child). There will also be sessions addressing issues of living with low vision as well as vendors that provide products and services to the low-vision community.

Finally, we'll have the opportunity to meet and form friendships with others living with this very rare syndrome. A rare disease can be isolating. Building these relationships is important for me (my child). (If you have other needs that will be covered by other sessions, you might spell them out here.)

Attending this conference is a considerable financial challenge for my family. (If you have any specific financial challenges such as large medical bills, unemployment etc. you might explain here.)

To attend the conference, I need to raise \$x. This includes conference registration fees, airfare and hotel. I would like to respectfully request your club's assistance to meet this goal. Any assistance would be meaningful and helpful. (If you are doing anything else to raise money to come such as a fundraiser etc. it's a good idea to mention it. Clubs tend to like to know you want to go badly enough to kick in some of your own money, or fundraise.)

I would be very happy to attend a meeting to speak about HPS, the HPS Network, or our trip to the conference.

Thank you once again for considering my request.

Respectfully,