



## **Ann Dyer & Daniel O'Reilly Foundation**

### **ADDOR**

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**ADDOR is pleased to announce a grant in support of the continued fight against Huntington's disease (HD), providing financial assistance for the family of a deceased HD sufferer Alan Pagett.**

**Alan & Dianne (Di) Pagett**



In September 2019 ADDOR told the sad and tragic story of an HD sufferer Alan Pagett and his wife Di, who lived in Axbridge, Somerset. ADDOR made a grant to help the family at the time. Sadly Alan passed away earlier this year.

Alan had critical illness cover that paid out when Di was unable to work and looked after him but this has meant there was very little left from the pay out when he died. Regretfully Di has been in severe financial difficulties after caring for him for such a long time and not being able to work much during this time. She has 3 children all at risk, not yet tested, they have been trying to help her out financially, but they have children of their own and cannot help her out anymore

Di has 6 months left to pay of her mortgage, her mortgage lender has already given her an extension and spread this out for her and cannot give her another one. Her car's MOT is due this week and she needs 4 new tyres and a new exhaust, she is using her overdraft and has as stated previously exhausted all family support.

She works in hospitality and is applying for a grant through a charity that supports those in hospitality but it takes 48 weeks, by which time she will have lost her home.

It seems she is not eligible for any low interest loans to help her either so is truly stuck.

Di feels £400 would tide her over for her car to ensure she can get to work and keep her job. Living in rural Axbridge, she works anti-social hours and cannot get public transport to work.

Tiffany her HDA representative wrote "I am not sure this situation applies to your criteria for grants, but Di is very much in need and having been so negatively affected by Huntington's disease, a grant to help with car costs would have a hugely positive impact for her. ADDOR helped the family back in 2019, however I wanted to see if it may be possible to get another grant from ADDOR, before getting her hopes up as there is no other organisation that looks as if they will be able to help, as she is not technically a carer anymore".

**ADDOR is very pleased to provide a grant of £500 to Di to help her at this difficult time. We only wish we could do more.**

In conclusion it is hard to see how the family cope, hold themselves together and remain positive at this time. ADDOR wishes Di and her family well and if we are able to again help in the future, we will try to do so.

Tiffany wrote on news of the grant "I just wanted to let you know I have spoken to Di this afternoon and she is over the moon and incredibly touched by your kind gesture".

**If you would like to help us in the continuing fight to defeat HD, fund research and help other HD sufferers and their families.**

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