

a gift from the
Heart



T.J. Padjen

Dear Friends,

The holidays especially remind us of those we hold dear - many of whom may no longer be with us or are suffering from serious illnesses and not able to join family and friends to celebrate the holiday season.

People receiving the care they need and deserve at one of life's most precious times is at the center of our mission as a not-for-profit provider of palliative, hospice, and bereavement services. Your help is needed to provide people access to care, without the worry of whether or not they can afford it.

T.J. Padjen shares his father's end-of-life journey on the back of the card to illustrate the comfort and peace his father found in hospice care during his final days.

This holiday season, please consider a gift from your heart to support Unity's care programs for patients, like Thomas, and their families.

To read more about T.J.'s story, please see the back of this card.

May the beauty and joy of the
holiday season bring warm
thoughts of those you hold dear.



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T.J. Padjen's photograph "*Santa's Helper*" features his grandson, Dominic, pulling a sled on a snowy day in Lakewood, Wisconsin. T.J.'s father, Thomas, moved to Lakewood from Kenosha to be closer to family and live in a peaceful setting as he faced his battle with cancer.



T.J.'s mother had recently died and the family was familiar with the hospice philosophy of care. A few months after moving to Lakewood, Thomas told T.J. that it was time to involve hospice. Throughout Thomas' three month journey and until his passing, T.J. was grateful for the support and comfort provided to his father and his family. "Both of my parents wished to pass away at home and both were able to do so," shared T.J. "They fell asleep and didn't wake up."

After Thomas' death, T.J. and his family maintained a relationship with Unity during their grieving process. Knowing he wanted to give back to the organization that helped his family so much, T.J. became a Unity volunteer. He is now helping others as they cope with serious illness.

