



## The ripple effect

**Mike and Ann Ciresi's gift creates a new fund to help Abbott Northwestern employees who are experiencing a financial hardship. Their gift came about because of something unexpected: Ann's sudden hospitalization after a cancer diagnosis.**

"Our doctors at Abbott Northwestern were fantastic, and we can't rave enough about the nurses and nursing assistants. We got to know many of the caregivers, and a great number were immigrants. They were so authentically true and honest in the care they provided, and extremely caring, attentive and kind. We wanted to find some way of helping employees when they have needs that affect their financial situation, because that impacts their ability to give care to patients. If you throw a pebble in the water, it has ripples – and when you help a person in need, that helps others. We're only here a short time, so we should live our lives with purpose and in collaboration with others to serve the common good."

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