GPD seeks help fund raising for one of their own

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Two years ago, the Gallup Police Department received sad news that one of their own had been diagnosed with cancer. Lt. Gerald Tholund accepted the diagnosis and carried on.

Now, the cancer has spread and his family has begun to feel the weight of this tragic disease not only in what the future holds, but also the weight of mounting medical bills.

GPD PFC Andy Yearley spearheaded, along with other members of the GPD, a gofundme account to help, and they are now asking for the help of the community.

Tholund spent over a year accepting his diagnosis all while continuing to keep doing his important work at GPD.

“Sometimes he would do his treatments and would come back to work,” Yearley said.

Tholund retired in 2014 after serving Gallup for 27 years. At the beginning of 2015, he found out that the cancer had spread. Doctors have given a grim prognosis. While Tholund and his family is suffering under these conditions, the dollar amount of treating this disease is adding to the stress.

“Current medical supplies, chemo, med flights and mounting medical bills are causing even more stress on the family,” Yearley said.

The gofundme account has already helped raise over $500 just in gifts from 11 people.

While that is amazing, it will make little impact. Every dollar can add up and help to ease some of the burden from this suffering family. While gofundme does take a very small percentage off of the donation for the service of running the web page, 92 percent of every dollar donated will go to the family.

It's already being shared on Facebook, but those wishing to donate can go directly to the site: **gofundme.com/geraldtholund**
to make a donation.

"Please help us put Gerald at ease knowing that his wife will not have to worry about the medical expenses," it reads on gofundme. "It is our time to give back to Gerald and his family."

Anyone wishing to make a donation without using the site can contact Yearley at the Gallup Police Department: (505) 863-9365 or email: eyearley@gallupnm.gov