

# A Life Saved!

On January 11, 2024, at 9:30 pm, on a very cold night, a fifteen-year-old female student from Bukalu, came to Tsiyon Family Hospital (TFH) gasping for air. Terra was having extreme difficulty breathing and semi-conscious. She had a history of reactive airway disease.

When notified of her need for immediate treatment, THF dispatched the hospital van and retrieved Terra, who was unable to make the thirty-minute walk from Bukalu in the cold and dark in such a condition. Her brother first attempted to carry her but was not successful and contacted the hospital for help.

On examination Terra was restless, semi-conscious and wheezing, with episodes of cessation of breathing. Without treatment her prognosis was grim. The TFH medical team immediately diagnosed and treated her providing:

- ✓ Oxygen therapy,
- ✓ Nebulizer medicated breathing treatment,
- ✓ Intravenous fluids,
- ✓ Tests and samples to evaluate for underlying maladies,
- ✓ Monitoring,
- ✓ A warm place with comfortable accommodations for recovery.

One hour after treatment, the young woman was fully awake, and her breathing had greatly improved. She was admitted for an overnight stay and closely monitored.

The next morning Terra was discharged home and prescribed medication and an inhaler. Medical staff educated her on how to prevent future breathing emergencies.

Currently Terra is doing well and has not had any additional episodes. She has been able to resume school and pursuing her educational goals. Terra's story is just one example of a life saved due to the quick response of the medial team and the immediate availability of treatment.