



# WHAT is an “OXYPHILE?”

Dr. Thomas Petty, once called the father of modern pulmonary medicine, helped with much of the research that shapes how we use oxygen therapy to this day. In the early 2000s, after enduring years of heart problems, Dr. Petty was himself prescribed oxygen therapy. He wrote a book called *Adventures of an Oxy-Phile* about his experiences as both a clinician and a patient and sharing the stories of others in the oxygen therapy community. In the book, Dr. Petty wrote, “In the final analysis, we are all ‘Oxy-Philes.’ That is, we literally love oxygen.” Oxygen is an essential fuel for every human, no matter what condition their lungs are in.

Dr. Petty passed in 2009. His legacy lives on through the World Oxygen Day campaign and our supporters, whom we call Team Oxyphile. Being on #TeamOxyphile means you stand with the entire movement of people working to modernize oxygen therapy and help others live their best lives despite dealing with shortness of breath from low oxygen levels!



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