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Dear Friend,

For the past 28 years Chore Service has, **with your help**, provided assistance to the seniors in our community so that they can remain in their homes safely. **Thank you** for your longtime loyalty to Chore!

This year has been particularly challenging, both for Chore and our clients. For a ten week period in the spring we were unable to go into client's homes as everyone, including the experts, tried to get a handle on exactly what this virus was going to do and how to safely navigate the new terrain we found ourselves in. Finally, in June, we were able to put safety precautions in place to once again go into homes, keeping our clients and staff both as safe as possible. We are happy to say that to date, this has worked well.

In our newsletter recently, we told of Chore during the pandemic. We didn't go into the extra time and money involved in providing services. There is now the cost of gloves, hand sanitizer, surface sanitizer, masks for staff and clients, and extra training for staff. We also implemented a screening process for staff and clients to assure neither is ill when services are provided.

We have been fortunate to receive some material donations and a grant to help with the initial costs of these extras. But these things are going to be needed for the foreseeable future. Our need for extra funds will continue. This is where you, our faithful donors come in.

Fifty-three percent of our income comes from donations. Our annual fundraisers are our summer Garden Party and this Annual Appeal. This year, due to the pandemic, our need for donations is more important than ever.

Last year we provided 5,708 hours of assistance to 156 seniors in our corner of Connecticut. Over the past three months we have seen more clients in need of assistance as they isolate themselves to remain healthy, making us anticipate a greater number this year.

**Only because of your donations, and the dedicated Chore Workers, are we able to provide assistance to our most vulnerable neighbors.** Even though this year, for safety's sake, we are not personalizing these letters, please know that those personal thoughts to each of you are in the words of this letter.

We hope that you will once again consider a gift to help maintain our 28-year tradition of providing high-quality, in-home, non-medical assistance for seniors and the disabled in our Northwest Corner communities. Your continued support is deeply appreciated.

Thank you!

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