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Dear Friend,

In 1992, three decades ago, Ella Clark, a Social Service Agent in the Town of Sharon, became increasingly concerned about the fates of a frail 87-year-old widow and an elderly couple, all of whom were financially vulnerable and in jeopardy of losing their homes. Fortunately, Ella discovered a federal program that could help. That's how Chore began – with three people in need and a \$2,000 grant from the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation. Ever since, Chore has, **with your help**, been able to continue its mission.

Thirty years have passed, and Chore's concerns about our low-income seniors remain. Costs of living rates continue to rise while fixed incomes do not. Could you live on \$700 a month with inflation at over 8%? According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, food costs are up by over 11%, and energy costs increased by almost 20%. Those we serve, the elderly and disabled, many without any family support, have had to make choices between food, medications, and heat. In a desire to live independently, our clients call on Chore for help. **Chore provides clients a worker, regardless of their ability to pay. Because of their lack of financial resources, Chore is often the provider of last resort.** Most clients receive just 3-4 hours of service per week, which allows our clients to remain safely at home and out of a nursing home.

Last year, 27 dedicated and caring workers provided 5,916 hours of assistance to 146 seniors across seven towns. They cleaned, did yard work, provided transportation to shopping and medical appointments and, most important, provided friendly companionship to stave off isolation. **Because of your donations, and our devoted Chore Workers, we are able to provide this kind of caring support!**

We are so very grateful to you, **our donors**, and our community for enthusiastically embracing Chore. We hope you will consider a gift to help us continue our thirty-year-long tradition of providing high-quality in-home, non-medical care for our most vulnerable residents. Your continued support is deeply appreciated.

Thank you!

With gratitude,

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