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Dear Friend,

Last year, 30 dedicated and caring workers provided 5,181 hours of assistance to 137 seniors across seven towns. In addition to helping clients with chores such as cleaning, shopping, transportation, and yardwork, our workers provide friendship and companionship to many who feel isolated. **We can only give this kind of compassionate support because of your donations and our devoted Chore Workers!**

Those we serve, seniors and people with disabilities, often live on minimal incomes, making choices between food, medications, and heat. **One couple who receives Chore services lives with these choices daily– one a proud veteran battling cancer and the other suffering from a different but equally debilitating disease.** With limited finances and no family to help, Chore provides the needed services, allowing them to remain in their beloved home. **Our dedicated workers bring firewood inside to heat their home and provide minor handyman repairs, housecleaning, and caring friendship.** Our clients want to live independently in their community, and Chore can help with those activities they find challenging or impossible. **Chore provides clients with a worker to help regardless of their ability to pay.** Most clients receive just 3-4 hours of service per week, enough to remain safely at home.

This year, our federal funding has been reduced by 33% and will cover just six months of service. Last year, our federal funding was 20% of our income, and client contributions were 8%. Both help cover expenses for direct services to clients. The Board and staff remain committed to implementing our strategic plan to expand and provide more much-needed services to more people while ensuring our long-term financial viability. With many social services experiencing funding cuts, we expect increased dependence on Chore for assistance to help our seniors. ***Their reliance on us means we have an increased reliance on you, our trusted donors.***

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

Thank you!

With gratitude,

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