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subject: **We may have saved a life today with  
the program you supported**

Hi Stephanie,

I wanted to let you know that your organization may have helped save the life of an isolated, vulnerable woman today. It is dramatic and you don't need to share it, but I wanted you to know what a difference you are making with your group of wonderful like-minded women.

We made our usual call to a woman (JP) on our Telephone Reassurance program this morning. (I am now thinking on how to expand the calls to include weekends and holidays) Our caller found her in a crisis situation.

This woman cares for a husband with dementia caused by a brain bleed after a fall 3 years ago. They keep to themselves and live in an isolated area in a rural part of the county. They have 2 daughters who live far away and are not "helpful". They don't have any good friends that live near. No church or community support people.

She was one of the first that we wanted to sign up as part of our telephone reassurance program, Good Morning Sunshine. For the past two weeks every call to JP has been filled with crying or panic attacks. Her need to have surgery but unwilling to leave her husband. In the past 6 months we have called right after her husband fell and then the next week after she had fallen. Because they are hesitant to seek help we were able to help them find home health, etc. She is truly in a vulnerable position that has kept us worried and busy.

Today we called to find that they have been without water for three days and melting snow to drink and to bath. The long dirt driveway has a foot of snow keeping them from being able to leave the house. Her speech was a little slurred and she was not making decisions easily. The second call found her much improved. We figured it may be dehydration or stress, but wanted to get someone to their home to see her and check to see if we should call 911 even though the clients did not think there was a big enough problem.

I first called the emergency person on her contact list. They were not able to help. Next I called the nearby fire station to see if they could help clear the drive in

this emergency, but they were not able to help. We called their home health agency and they could not make a visit until late today.

We were able to call our friends to drive over and plow the road. They brought a nurse and her medical kit and found that JP's blood pressure was really high. They transported her and her husband to DRMS where she was admitted and they stayed with her for several hours.

We contacted a local church and they found a plumber who was willing to come out today to fix the water line. Another of our friends came with his backhoe to speed up the process.

Because of this program that your funds help us get off the ground, a life was most likely saved because JP had a lifeline in these calls.

9 years ago a very similar situation happened in this same rural part of our county. There was no lifeline for them. The result was that the caregiver felt there was no other option for her. She ended her husband's life, called the sheriff to report it and asked them to come and find their bodies and ended her life too. This hit me hard because there was help and support available to those who asked, but many won't ask because of the stigma.

Thank you for funding this program. We avoided a Christmas tragedy today because of it.

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