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Dear <ADDRESSEE-SHORT>,

When Independent Futures closed our office to the public in March, none of us knew how long we would be gone or how quickly we would need to adapt. Since then, our supports have changed alongside state and federal health guidelines. To adapt:

- Independent Futures participant activities successfully moved to Zoom meetings.
- The Direct Service team held tutoring sessions virtually and in-person while following social distancing guidelines.
- My Full Life’s remote learning opportunities have helped agencies across the country continue their services.
- New Futures Initiative curriculum is being adapted to support virtual family group trainings.

Though we have been able to continue providing supports with very limited interruptions for more than 6 months, we need your help to fund supporting full lives through the next year. Will you continue to support our work in creating access to independent lives today?

Each time Illinois’ government announced new guidelines, our Direct Service team quickly communicated the new information to our community. While many participants continued working in grocery stores and other frontline jobs, Independent Futures community members have remained healthy, compared to individuals living in some large congregate settings who have experienced high infection rates of COVID-19.

The freedom to choose a community with friends and neighbors has allowed many of our community members to remain safe and healthy.

We know that people who live in smaller community settings have more choices and control over their lives. They experience closer friendships, engage with their community, and are more satisfied with their lives. Now we know that choosing community settings also makes individuals safer during this pandemic.

You can make a difference today. Will you support the opportunity for individuals to live in their community?

Given the right supports, we know that community-based living increases an individual’s quality of life. At Independent Futures, our core belief will always be that individuals with disabilities have the right to choose living life in their community. You can support individuals’ decisions to live in their community by making a gift to Independent Futures now.

We have worked diligently to adapt to these changing times. We can’t thank you enough for your past support. Now more than ever, we hope that you will continue to support Independent Futures. In the past, you made a gift of \$<PAST DONATION>. If you’re able, would you consider making another gift this year?

Warm regards,

Ann Sickon,
Executive Director

PS: Make your gift go further and help us meet our goal of raising \$20,000 during our #GivingTuesday celebration! RSVP at www.independentfutures.com/giving-tuesday/ to receive a reminder to make your gift online & claim a match on December 1st.

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Yes! I would like to support community inclusion for adults with disabilities! I would like to give:

☐ \$<amt 1> ☐ \$<amt 2> ☐ \$<amt 3> ☐ \$<amt 4> ☐ Other _____

- ☐ Enclosed is my check payable to Center for Independent Futures
☐ Please charge my gift to Visa / MasterCard / American Express / Discover

Card number _____ Exp date ____/____
Name on card _____ CSC _____
Signature _____ Email _____

- ☐ I would like to consider a planned gift to support Center for Independent Futures.
Please contact me so I can learn more.
☐ My employer _____ will match my gift.