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We hope this letter finds you and your family safe and healthy.

Almost every day we get a call from a consumer asking if we can give a little extra help "this month" since they have been affected by an unforeseen situation or an emergency. Unfortunately, Disability Resource Center relies on many sources for funding, many of those funds are earmarked **only** for specific uses and we have to deny our consumers requests.

For this year's annual appeal, we are asking for donations that will be deposited into an emergency fund. This emergency fund will be used to help our consumers with disabilities when an emergency arises.

When COVID-19 hit, we were very fortunate to have received CARES Act funding. We were directed to utilize the funds to respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the surge of the needs of *individuals with disabilities* to access or reconnect with the services and supports they need to remain safely in their communities. DRC utilized these funds for our consumers with disabilities to the very last penny and we did so with smiles on our faces and warmed hearts because we had the funds to help.

Our dedication to our consumers will not stop us even in a world full of uncertainty. Disability Resource Center has donors like you to thank for giving us the ability to not only do our best to serve our communities but go above and beyond.

In order for these "emergency" funds to be distributed to a consumer in need certain criteria will need to be adhered to and submitted to Disability Resource Center (DRC).

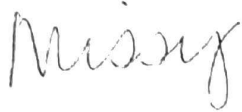
We are hoping to help many more consumers with disabilities in 2022. We do not like the sad and defeated feeling we get when we have to turn consumers away that have nowhere else to turn and need our help.

If you wish to donate you can send your donation in the enclosed envelope (thank you for your stamp – every little bit helps!), or you can LIKE and visit our Facebook page, or PayPal (Will-Grundy Center for Independent Living). You can also shop Amazon Smile during the year.

We can't say it enough – THANK YOU. Thank you for supporting our mission, and thank you for supporting your community. You can follow our progress by visiting our NEW accessible website at .

**Wishing you and your family a safe holiday and a Happy New Year!**

With gratitude,



Missy Martin  
Executive Director

Sincerely,



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Board President