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Dear Salutation,

21 years ago, I was working at Walgreens with unreliable hours and no health insurance for my family. A job change saw me starting a new career at UAB hospital's adolescent psychiatry department and becoming a Benevolent Fund donor. Two decades later, I found myself needing assistance from the Benevolent Fund. I want to thank you for your generous support and share with you why your continued gifts are vital.

For nearly 40 years, donors like us have provided funding for food, housing, job training, and emergency support resources for those in need on our campus and within the greater Birmingham community.

When I signed up to donate one hour's worth of my pay a month, I questioned what that nominal amount would accomplish. But it felt right, and I was raised to help who I could, when I could, how I could.

Fast forward to 2021 when my husband and I contracted COVID. While I was fortunate to make it out of the hospital, my husband didn't fare so well, and he passed just over a year ago. Using the adage "when it rains, it pours," our car's engine went out as did the HVAC unit in our house. Our savings were depleted.

I was off for two months and used all my paid time off. As bills piled up, a coworker of mine asked if I'd reached out to the Benevolent Fund. The thought of asking for help never occurred to me. Surely there were others who needed it more than I did. After several weeks of encouragement, I connected with Benevolent Fund staff who treated me with kindness, compassion, and respect. I never felt like I was a charity case, but instead felt like friends were helping a friend.

The UAB Employee Assistance Program, one of the nearly 150 Benevolent Fund charitable efforts, allows UAB employees facing crisis to receive confidential support during some of our life's most difficult moments. My family also received referrals to Benevolent Fund-supported nonprofits such as the Amelia Center and Community Grief Support that assisted us with processing losing a loved one.

I'm sincerely grateful for your current \$1,000 giving level and humbly ask you to increase your giving by \$250 which will provide the maximum award offered to a family in need.

Your generosity is appreciated, and I thank you, in advance!

Sincerely,

Terri Moody

Person-Centered Therapy/Administrative Assistant

P.S. Through the Benevolent Fund, direct and immediate relief is delivered when it's most needed. It's so comforting to know UAB makes sure we're not alone.