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Greetings,

December is the time of year when I come to you seeking donations for the work of our tireless Community Partners staff. Each day when we look around at the world and New Hampshire news, we see unrest and uncertainty. Still one thing always remains constant, you care about our work together and you care about your family.

As I sit down to write this appeal, I find this quote from Mother Theresa to be particularly inspiring for our times, "The way you help heal the world is to start with your own family".

Last year, I told you about our five year strategic plan. Now, a year into the plan's implementation we remain focused on empowering those we serve and supporting their families in meaningful ways. Clients' families are often the fiercest advocates, most thorough caregivers, and our best ally in the effort to improve lives. We also know that the younger we can positively impact our clients, the better the lifelong outcomes. With this in mind, we are focused on improving processes for families accessing both developmental and behavioral services for young people and aiding the family members and others who support our clients across the lifespan.

Leadership from each of our behavioral and developmental services children's programs are working together to deliver on eight initiatives. Focus areas include resource sharing, program improvements, trainings, and new services, improving relationships with other service providers, aiding peer-to-peer supports, follow-along services, and an emphasis on smooth transitions across the lifespan. In addition, we are embarking on a regional public health initiative to teach hundreds of people Youth and Adult Mental Health First Aid; so that we and community members can assist those having a mental health issue to access needed services before the need is acute. Please visit our website calendar at www.communitypartnersnh.org to take advantage of our public education initiatives.

In many ways this work is above and beyond our funding, but because we know we cannot rise and fall on funded services alone, we must innovate to deliver what your family needs. Please help us improve how we serve you by donating today and we will continue to seek new solutions in a changing environment, where one thing remains constant, family.

Sincerely,

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