



Minuteman

SENIOR SERVICES

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Dear Friends,

For over 40 years, Minuteman Senior Services has committed to supporting Constance, Riya, and Feng by offering programs that address their specific needs and goals. Whether offering Constance bill-paying assistance, providing Riya support to understand the disease and care for her mother, or delivering Meals on Wheels and nutrition counseling to Feng, Minuteman has been there to offer help in times of need and to promote the highest level of independence possible for individuals to live in the setting of their choice.

Year after year, as Massachusetts continues to experience growth in the rates of aging and disability, we see increased demand for support for individuals and families. Along with the current uncertainty around policy changes and fiscal resources for health and human services, one thing becomes clear: we will be challenged to “do more with less.” To meet the growing need, we consistently look for ways to collaborate with our community partners to leverage resources and avoid unnecessary duplication. This creativity, however, may simply not be enough to avoid potential waitlists for services in the future.

Our mission is to help seniors and people with disabilities live in the setting of their choice by engaging community resources and supporting caregivers.

The positive news is that we have an amazing network of supporters whose generosity has helped us in the past. Given the challenges that lie ahead, we invite you to again help us fulfill our mission by ensuring access to the programs and services people need.

This year, we are looking to have our most successful annual campaign to date and have set a goal of \$40,000. Please help us to make sure we can support individuals like Constance, Riya, and Feng who live in your community.

Best,

Kelly Magee Wright

P. S. See reverse side for additional ways to support us this season!



Constance

- Victim of financial exploitation by neighbor “helping” her pay bills
- Limited savings depleted by \$5,000
- Worries about managing her funds and paying her bills



Riya

- Caregiver overwhelmed with daily care needs for mother with advanced Alzheimer’s Disease
- Struggling with how to honor her commitment to deceased father to keep her mother at home



Feng

- Returning home from hospital with new diabetes diagnosis
- Struggling with managing new medications and incorporating changes in diet and lifestyle