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Hi Becky,

Thank you for reaching out. The Respite for ME program was such a gift and help in caring for my mother, Barbara Hanson. It gave me permission to take care of myself by being able to hire some people to help my mother. It helped with having someone clean her apartment once a week. It also helped so that we could have someone manage her medications along with doing her laundry, shopping, and delivery of meals.

Since I have been the main caregiver for a number of years the help the grant provided me a lot of relief. I was also able to get some dental work done and hearing aids for myself. I even had a few messages. What a treat that was!

I am POA medically and financially for my mother. Also I am Rep Payee for her Social Security. I am in touch or with her several times a week. Some weeks can be very difficult. There are many things that need to be done "behind the scenes" such as paperwork, making appointments, balancing her finances, paying bills, helping her buy clothes, grocery shopping and keeping her TV and other electronics going, including her landline.

The Respite Grant has been so helpful in getting the things my mother needs so she can stay at home as long as possible. Also it has been given me relief and help with my own needs.

Thank you for this provision. If available in the future it would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Wanda Hanson
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