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Announcement: ElderSource Crisis Assistance Fund Renamed

This year marks the 50th anniversary of ElderSource being established as the Area Agency on Aging and Aging and Disability Resource Center for Northeast Florida. As we recognize this milestone in our history, we thought it would be timely to rename and re-emphasize one of our important programs.

The Senior to Senior Fund was established in 2008 with a generous donation by J. Wayne and Delores Barr Weaver through the Community Foundation of Northeast Florida. The endowed gift provides assistance to older adults who have experienced an unexpected financial crisis that is threatening their ability to live independently. Since its inception the fund has eased the financial strain for over 1,100 people – from age 60 to over 100 years old – living in Duval, Baker, Clay, St. Johns and Nassau counties.

The fund has paid for numerous electric bills risking cut-off, rental fees facing eviction, elimination of pests including bedbugs and rodents, new teeth, wheelchair ramps, refrigerators to prevent loss of medicines such as insulin, heating and cooling units, and it goes on and on.

The program at ElderSource took on the name Senior to Senior but has since been supplemented with funding from the Jim Moran Foundation and ElderSource's annual fundraiser. The program is now serving older adults in all seven of our counties.

We are pleased to announce that as of May 1, 2024, ElderSource will be referring to this program as the EASE Program --- Emergency Assistance Serving Elders. The new name reflects not only is it a crisis support fund for older adults, but ElderSource is striving to make such stressful situations easier to handle.

We are proud of the many people the EASE Program has helped, like 76-year-old Ms. Louanna N. She faced an unexpected crisis when she dropped and broke her dentures. Despite her best efforts to replace them on her own, the associated cost far exceeded her financial means. Ms. N. lost a dangerous amount of weight over the several weeks as she went on without dentures. Her daughter contacted ElderSource and explained her mother's problem.

Soon after, ElderSource gave Ms. N. a referral to a local dentist who fitted her for new dentures. Notably, the EASE Program generously covered the entire expense. Now, she has a lovely smile and is enjoying eating again, regaining a health weight.





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We are ever so thankful to the Weavers for their generosity and to the Jim Moran Foundation for additional support to this vital program as well as to our friends and partners who support our annual fundraiser, A Night with the Stars.

Like with many nonprofit programs, the number of people needing assistance outweighs available funding. If you would like to make a difference in the life of an older adult, please consider donating to the EASE Program by making a check to: ElderSource EASE Program, 10688 Old St. Augustine Road, Jacksonville, FL 32257. Thank you!



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