

January 4, 2021

Dear Town of Carroll Selectman,

Caleb Caregivers is a nonprofit organization offering **FREE** services to Seniors over 60 in the towns of Lancaster, Littleton, Bethlehem, Whitefield, Jefferson, Twin Mountain, Dalton and Groveton. We are celebrating our 25th Anniversary in business this year, opened officially in 1995.

We offer transportation to medical appointments ( including DHMC, and out of state medical facilities), visiting, shopping, light housework, yard work, daily telephone reassurance calls, and prescription pickup and delivery.

Caleb Caregivers currently has over 45 volunteers, who we recruit, train and support through mileage reimbursement.

**Last year we have doubled our active clients from 60 to over 100**, mostly due to the temporary shut down of all volunteer services at our two local hospitals, Weeks Medical Center and Littleton Regional Hospital, due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

While this is encouraging for Caleb Caregivers, we are struggling to support our volunteers through mileage reimbursement.

All scheduled fundraising efforts throughout the year were cancelled, with the annual appeal in December being the final push for 2020.

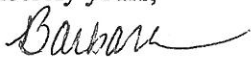
Due to this I am asking for an increase in town appropriations for 2021 to lighten the load and help sustain us through this very difficult time. It would be greatly appreciated to increase our annual appropriation in 2021 to \$3,000.

Carroll is a main town we support due to the lack of available services for seniors and no senior center in town. We currently have 14 active clients who are Carroll residents and are currently receiving our free services and transportation. The lack of resources available enables us at Caleb to provide clients with the ability to stay independent in their homes for as long as possible.

Caleb Caregivers depends on funded money through town appropriations, donations, grants, fundraising projects and annual appeal. We recognize the unforeseen circumstances that Covid19 has put a stress on all businesses and we will continue to strive to put the needs of Carroll residents first for many years to come.

On behalf of Caleb Caregivers, and the Seniors we serve everyday, thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,



Barbara Payer, Executive Director

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