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Dear Friends,

When life is looking a little bleak, sometimes all we need is a good laugh. This fall Friends of Friends provided just that with our fifth annual Mr. South Whidbey Pageant. Our major fundraising event, the contest was an evening of levity that will not soon be forgotten. The stage was set when Doug Kelly gave us a taste of his cowboy humor and the hilarity continued as Matthew Swett performed magic and Malcolm Ferrier recounted the glories of his Scottish homeland. We watched in amazement as Pat McVay sucked up precious votes with a shop vac and Danny Ward played his humor as well as his saxophone. When Richard Epstein appeared on stage channeling King Tut, the joyous medicine of laughter was complete. These brave men gave their all to lighten our hearts and in the process raised an astonishing \$25,000 for Friends of Friends. We could not be more grateful.

There are times in our lives, however, when a good laugh is not enough. For those with unaffordable medical expenses, Friends of Friends offers hope and support. Since 1997 our temporary financial assistance has helped South Whidbey residents with prescriptions, medical care, diagnostic testing, gas, and ferry fares to appointments on the mainland. **This year to date we have helped over 200 neighbors with \$56,000** of expenses.

Our annual plant sale in May, our garage sale in August and Mr. South Whidbey 2010 were all splendidly successful. In spite of this, **we find ourselves \$25,000 shy of what we've spent this year.** We are asking for your help so we may continue to serve all those who seek our help. **Please consider mailing a check** in the enclosed envelope or **go to our website:** [wwwfofmedicalsupportfund.org](http://wwwfofmedicalsupportfund.org) and make a donation on line. You can be sure that your gift will be used with great care, compassion, and integrity.

With Gratitude,

Suzanne Schlicke, President

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