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Dear Friends,

Friends of Friends has received its fair share of thank you notes but the one in our mail box last month was unique. It had no return address and was signed simply, "a friend". The text was short and to the point, thanking us for the help we had provided. The card also contained a carefully folded \$100 bill. This anonymous act of gratitude seemed to say something simple yet profound: we are all in this together and we must do what we can. In these difficult economic times, when our dream of a health care system free from the risk of crippling financial burden seems far away, this note was a message of generosity and hope.

The number of South Whidbey residents seeking help with their unpaid medical expenses continues to grow. This year to date we have served over 200 individuals with more than \$56,000 in expenses. Our assistance has helped pay for medical care, diagnostic testing, prescriptions, gas, ferry fare, and other health related costs. We strive to accommodate every request. In order to do so, we need your financial support.

This year, despite our continuing best efforts, our fund raising dollars are down considerably. As a result, our need for individual donations has increased. **Your contribution is essential to help us continue serving those in need.** Your dollars will have a direct impact on the health of specific individuals and on the health of our over-all community. As the thank you note suggests, we are all in this together.

Your gift of any amount will be greatly appreciated. Please send your check by mail to FOF, PO Box 812, Langley, WA 98260 or go to our website, [fofmedicalsupportfund.org](http://fofmedicalsupportfund.org) and donate on line. We would like you to consider making monthly donations, an option that helps our financial planning and keeps our budget secure.

Thank you so much.

Sincerely,

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President, Friends of Friends

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