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Dear Anthony,

Do you know someone like Jessie? Maybe you've seen her as you drove past the bus stop, nodded hello in the park, or stood in line at the store.

What you may not know is how difficult her life has become now that she's in her senior years.

But, if you knew, wouldn't you want to help? Because you can.

Your donation will help us find ways to meet Jessie's basic needs.

A Colorado native, Jessie worked most of her life doing agricultural labor, until a work accident left her disabled. Suddenly, she was struggling to get by on \$1,200 each month from her Social Security check and a small bit of savings.

Her daily household costs started to mount, and Jessie wasn't sure how she was going to pay for food, rent, and her medical costs.

Luckily, Jessie found Centura Health LINKS, a Colorado Benefits Enrollment Center supported by NCOA.

Using NCOA's **BenefitsCheckUp®** online screening tool, her benefits counselor found that Jessie qualified for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to help pay for food. She also was eligible for a Medicare Savings Program to help pay her Part B premium each month.

Today, thanks to NCOA, Jessie has added \$300 to her monthly budget.

"Jessie came to us quite discouraged about her future," the benefits counselor said. "But now with the extra wiggle room in her budget, she has a much happier outlook."

May is Older Americans Month—a perfect time for you to help an older woman like Jessie.

Donate to NCOA this month , and every \$1 you give can connect a struggling older woman to \$60 in benefits through our programs like BenefitsCheckUp®. Since 2001, BenefitsCheckUp® has helped more than 4 million people find over \$15 billion worth of benefits to pay for food, utilities, medicine, rent, and more.

Can't donate? Share BenefitsCheckUp® with the seniors in your life. The site is free, confidential, and provides trusted information that could give them an extra hand.

Thanks for your support, and Happy Older Americans Month!

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