

# Neighbor Network

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Neighbor Network was thrilled to receive our first grant award from the Joint Coalition Assistance Fund in 2017. The award was used to start an Emergency Assistance Fund that couples with our Advocacy and Senior Choices programs, which help seniors and their families to overcome obstacles and navigate resources when facing challenges to their wellbeing. Many seniors are barely getting by with their social security checks and when an unexpected cost arises, they are left without options. Neighbor Network helps guide the senior through all community resources and if all options have been exhausted, one-time assistance funds are allocated. One of our members who received assistance encountered unexpected costs when she had to buy medical equipment for in-home use. She came to our office distraught, not knowing how she would afford rent that month, but recognizing that purchasing the medical equipment was essential to her health. Our Senior Choices staff sat down with her and helped her arrange her finances. As a recipient of emergency assistance funds, she was able to get through this difficult time with her dignity.

Best,

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