



...because there's no place like home

September 1, 2008



Dear Friends and Supporters,

Since 1975 Neighborhood Senior Services (NSS) has been providing low-income older adults in your community with services to maintain independence in their own homes and keep them integrated in their communities. NSS offers home assessments to determine the overall needs of disadvantaged seniors. Following the assessment, we provide transportation to medical appointments for those who can no longer drive themselves. We do home repairs and install safety devices to ensure our clients are in a safe environment. Our volunteers help with things like grocery shopping, errands, and friendly visits. Eighty percent of our clients are women living alone and 75% of these women have annual incomes of \$12,000 or less. Twenty percent of our clients are in their 90's. Our highest priority goes to those with the fewest resources. Last year, with the help of supporters like you and the efforts of our giving and compassionate volunteers, we were able to assist over 1,200 clients.

Our second annual Art Exhibit/Sale, called *Works of Wisdom*, is being held Friday, November 7 through Sunday, November 9, 2008 at Silver Maples of Chelsea. This exciting event features the amazing work of senior artists from our community. We are thrilled to have Silver Maples as our partner in planning and hosting the art show this year.

We urge your organization to consider being a Corporate Sponsor for this important fundraising event to benefit some of the most vulnerable seniors in our community. NSS will publicize your support on our website, and at the event. Please see the enclosed Corporate Sponsorship Form and respond by fax or U.S. mail on or before **Friday, October 17th**. Perhaps the most important benefit of your sponsorship may be the knowledge that your contribution will provide the practical help and emotional support for many needy seniors to maintain their dignity and pride in remaining safely and comfortably in their own homes. Corporate Sponsors are being offered the opportunity to arrive at 5:00 pm on Friday, November 7, an hour prior to our gala opening event, to avoid the crowd and have a more intimate opportunity to peruse the juried art and interact with artists in attendance.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (734) 712-7253. On behalf of the seniors that will receive help this year, many thanks for supporting Neighborhood Senior Services.

Warmest regards,

Barbara Penrod
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