An Open Letter to the Cancer Connection Community:

We’re grateful to our community. Your support over the years has sustained the services needed by families facing cancer. Thank you.

Today, we face an emergency.

The coronavirus pandemic is creating more stress for people facing cancer.

Riley called today. She’s going through cancer treatment at a time when she can’t be close to friends and family. She asked, “Do others feel this exhausted? How do people work and care for their families while going through treatment? Can you help me with my anxiety?”

With your gift, you’ll make such a difference for Riley. You’ll make sure our integrative therapists can provide deep relaxation and stress relief through calming sessions telehealth (by phone). You’ll keep our befrienders by the phone for more support, and our support groups meeting so she can join when she’s ready.

Every day we talk with people like Riley who are dealing with the challenges of treatment or surgery or running on empty caring for a loved one.

But now, hundreds of local people who depend on our comforting and strengthening supports are at risk of losing them. The pandemic closed our Thrift Shop for 5 months and canceled our events. Although the Thrift Shop is now open, we still need $250,000 to close the gap.

Please send in your emergency gift of any amount today so every person who counts on us gets free telehealth, support groups, and befriending support.

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It’s easy to give in 1 of 3 ways:

1. Online: click here to give via Cancer Connection’s PayPal account (you can use your own credit card – you don’t need a PayPal account.) Use the note option on the secure form to specify "Campaign 2020." (You can use your own credit card – you don’t need a PayPal account.)

2. Mail: Send your check, with a “Campaign 2020” memo, to Cancer Connection, 41 Locust St., Northampton MA 01060.

3. Not comfortable giving online and want to donate with a credit card? Leave US a message at 413-586-1642 and a staff person will call you. DO NOT leave your credit card information.

If you have donated to Cancer Connection before, you may get a call from one of our volunteers, board members, or staff to talk with you about this special campaign. If you are reading this letter after you have made your donation, we thank you for your support.

We truly appreciate the kindness and consideration you’ve shared with us. Thank you for caring.

With much gratitude,

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