

## **A WORD FROM MARY**

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*"I'm disabled and I'm at home a lot. I can't get around as much as I'd like to, **but I can get around through my computer.***

*When something goes wrong and I have nobody here with me I know I can find someone on the computer. I can laugh and talk. **I have found friends.** It's been such a blessing."*

*- Mary, NHU Client*

Dear Friend,

Oftentimes, the simple, overlooked "little" things in life are actually the big things.

You see, to Mary, who is often unable to leave her home, a personal computer is not just a handy convenience; it is literally her link to a world outside of four lonely walls.

For years, with worsening health, few personal connections and limited access to transportation, Mary often sat alone in her home. She felt lonely and isolated.

However, her story does not end there...

***"Thankfully, just when I really needed a friend, I met you all from NHU. You were the friends that I needed."***

Mary received her first refurbished computer via NHU's Computer Grant Program in 2006. Now, 12 years later, she has found her purpose. She is attending online classes and working towards becoming a virtual minister!

Of course, many people with disabilities lead very active, full lives out in the community, but sometimes, setbacks happen. Sometimes, just like Mary, our family, friends, and neighbors with disabilities find themselves at home far more often than they would like.

This is not to say however that they cannot contribute. In fact, they are contributing...attending online classes, writing blogs, authoring books, creating art, starting businesses.

With each of these contributions, they are revolutionizing the way in which society views disability...and that is a pretty big deal!

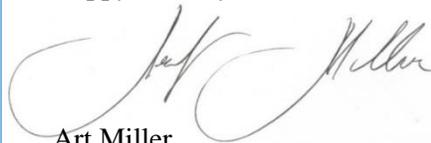
This giving season let us remember that it really is the little things that make the biggest difference and the little victories that pave the way for the biggest ones.

As a grassroots, community-supported non-profit organization, we can attest to the power of little. For more than 24 years, we have carried out our mission with small, individual donations from our community, from people just like you: people who have given our family, friends and neighbors with disabilities the tools they need to start.

Whether it is through the donation of a computer that can be refurbished and reused, time and expertise, or a financial contribution, every little bit keeps us moving toward the day where every person with a disability, no matter where they are in their life, finds THEIR success!

Thank you for being a part of their journey.

Happy Holidays,



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