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Dear Supporter of Tamarisk,

As we welcome in this holiday season, I am overwhelmed by how much we have to be thankful for despite 2020 being a year filled with much suffering and uncertainty in our world. We always knew that our volunteers were amazing and this year we saw that first hand. Volunteers continued to engage their companions by means of phone calls, grocery drop offs and encouraging notes. They found creative ways to stay connected and insert bright spots into their companion's days. Despite not being able to host any in person fundraisers, we were blessed with some new donors. Each donation we received this year felt extra special as we put our faith in the unknown. As staff and Board of Directors, we each feel so strongly in the mission of Tamarisk and know that even a pandemic can't stop us from serving those who need us.

For 27 years, Tamarisk has been changing the lives of metro area caregivers and the loved ones they care for. Tamarisk unites many generous volunteers and caregivers with a single important cause: providing companionship to those with terminal illness and respite to their caregivers. Families living with such diseases as Parkinson's, cancer, Alzheimer's, ALS and other illnesses face many challenges and responsibilities.

Despite good medical and home care options, families facing terminal illness are often overwhelmed by the burden the illness places on their time, energy and abilities. Tamarisk volunteers meet the very personal and individual non-medical needs of the families we serve, without cost to the family.

As Tamarisk recipient, Meredith Iken Matson so eloquently shared with us..."Sometimes in the darkest night a little star shines. Tamarisk was a star to me. The path Mat and I walked was so very difficult, my road ahead will also be difficult but I will always remember you and Tamarisk with deep thanks."

The need for Tamarisk's services is great and will only increase in the future. We rely heavily on private contributions and end of the year giving is a major part of our annual fundraising drive. Please consider making a contribution which will allow us to continue providing services to our existing families and all those who we will have the pleasure of serving in the future!

To donate securely online, please visit www.tamarisk.org and click on Donate Now or send your donation to Tamarisk, 15531 Central Avenue, Ham Lake, MN 55304.

Warmest blessings for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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