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Foothills Resources for the Aging

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This request is for a couple who live in Duarte. They are in need of a new through-the-wall air conditioner. The one they now have is a very old energy hog and is not effective at cooling. With the projected heat our area will incur this summer, a new air conditioner will help to keep the couple in better health.

Mrs. X has been caretaking her husband for over 12 years. She is a 75-year-old woman with several health problems including severe arthritis and COPD. Last year she broke her back and suffered a heart attack. Her husband has been diagnosed with dementia, mental illness and neuropathy. A couple of years ago while riding his bicycle along Huntington Drive, he was purposely struck by a hit-and-run driver. He was severely injured and Victims' Assistance was not financially helpful. They are still paying on those medical bills that his health insurance did not cover. They live in an old single-wide mobile home. Santa Anita Family Service has financially assisted them with some major repairs on their mobile home.

Both husband and wife have enjoyed participating in the Monrovia Providers Group sponsored Care Cafes. He especially enjoys the games and activities and they are both big fans of the massages and manicures. He normally does not socialize but he readily joins in with the other participants. They are very grateful to have the Care Cafes to look forward to.

The new air conditioner would not only improve the quality of their life but would also ease their illness symptoms for years to come.

The air conditioner is installed and working beautifully! My Client is soooo happy and cool. She really suffers from the heat. Monrovia Providers Group member John King was wonderful. The air conditioner I originally thought we would purchase was too many volts for the electrical system so he and I choose another at the same price. He fit it in the space using the old sleeve and some creative material to make it fit properly. He is a jewel.

Thank you again MPG – you all are life savers - literally!!

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