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Dear Mr Hughes,

We offer free bereavement counselling to anyone who may require it.

In the past we have been fortunate enough to receive grants from you.

I am now requesting exceptional consideration to support our application.

People who have been bereaved are often unable to cope with everyday matters. This includes any financial issues arising from their bereavement, which can lead for example to severe trauma and depression issues, which in turn can lead to them needing additional help from other agencies, including medical and sometimes mental health teams.

If we are able to continue to offer them bereavement counselling, it helps people to cope with their affairs and financial issues more effectively and therefore alleviating the need for further help, which could become a further drain on your resources.

If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me

Yours sincerely

Dr. Christine Allen

Chair of Maidstone Cruse