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Dear Friend,

As you know by now, we like to take time out each month to send you a little reminder of how much we value your continued support of our financial planning practice. Last month was a clever way to give you our two cents. This month, instead of saving you a trip to the post office, we're going to try and save you and your family a lot of headache and hassle.

This month's topic, Advance Care Planning, is often a heavy subject. However, just as you ensure that your financial goals are met with financial planning, advance care planning is a process to ensure that your goals for end-of-life care are met. Without this communication and discussion, your loved ones and health care team may not be able to honor your wishes if you cannot communicate.

We'd like to encourage you to go through the **Advance Care Planning Checklist** we've enclosed and do your best to check off each item before the end of 2007. This list is courtesy of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO). They have a website at [www.nhpc.org](http://www.nhpc.org) that has additional information on a variety of related topics.

Also, for more in-depth information about the items on the list, give us a call and we can e-mail or snail mail you a ten-page guide to Advance Care Planning that addresses health care directives, choosing health care agents, communicating end-of-life wishes and more.

Our hope is that this mailing will inspire you to ensure that your family, friends and health care team know what your wishes are if the occasion arises where you can no longer communicate them yourself. You know what you want, but do the people closest to you know?

On an entirely different and much livelier note, please keep the afternoon of Thursday, July 19 available for our Summer Party. We'll be celebrating six years of success and thanking all of you for helping to make us one of the leading financial planning firms in Santa Rosa! Please come help us celebrate with music, food and drink!

Yours truly,

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