When the unexpected happens, everything can change.

For 58 years he had brought home the bacon, slayed the dragons, managed the bills, and reached the dangling cobwebs she couldn’t get to. But, when he had a bad fall at home, he met the dragon he couldn’t slay. Elsie’s grief was inconsolable. She spent their modest savings on his service, and faced the life without him at her side.

When she received a property tax notice demanding $900 from an income suddenly reduced by half, she tucked the bill away in horror, and did the only thing she could think to do. She told God how foolish she’d been not to see this coming . . . and waited patiently for the miracle she prayed for. After two years and no miracle, she faced another unthinkable loss. Her home was going on the auction block.

It was when Ms. Elsie called Care Coordinator Cindy at her Area Agency on Aging that her miracle appeared. Cindy realized she’d never filed for Missouri property tax rebates and she helped her do that.

With $2,200 in back rebates, her taxes were caught up. Cindy also helped her with an in-home safety assessment and arranged for some grab bars and assistive devices.

Thanks to a little help from her Area Agency on Aging, Ms. Elsie learned she could slay dragons, too.

Your Area Agency on Aging in Missouri has expert help.

"We want to be here when you need us."