

The Center for Volunteer Caregiving

Helping people live independently as long as possible



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You Make A Difference

Welcome to the first edition of the quarterly newsletter from The Center for Volunteer Caregiving! The newsletter provides an additional tool for communicating with you, the volunteers and supporters who make The Center for Volunteer Caregiving the premier volunteer organization providing care for elderly and disabled residents of Wake County.

Did You Know?

Each year, over 500 volunteers from The Center help more than 400 elderly and disabled residents by providing transportation to doctors, grocery shopping, light housekeeping, yard work, and minor home repairs. Volunteers also provide respite care (including Alzheimer's respite care) so family caregivers can get away for a few hours to recharge and refresh their batteries. With the help of The Center volunteers, hundreds of elderly and disabled Wake County residents are able to continue to live independently and form meaningful relationships that make a positive difference in their lives.

Database Software Transition

The Center is transitioning its database management to a new software package entitled "CareWorks." The package was designed for Faith in Action Programs such as ours, and should help to streamline our reporting and data management. At the same time, we are contacting many of our volunteers to update their contact and availability information. **If you are not currently serving someone and would like a volunteer assignment, please let us know!** We need more volunteers to meet the tremendous demand for services, and our care receivers appreciate any time that you are able to give.

Neighbor Spotlight

Hazel Crawford, a care receiver from Raleigh, wrote to let us know how much The Center's volunteers mean to her. Ms. Crawford writes, "I only have words of praise for each of my volunteers. Each one is kind, thoughtful, courteous, and pleasant. I have difficulty walking sometimes, and must move slowly, but the volunteers are always patient with me... The volunteers at The Center are my 'life-line' to the outside world. I cherish the friendship, pleasant, uplifting rapport we share; I love each one of them and I pray daily for them. When I say to them, 'Thank you so much, God will bless you,' they *always* reply, 'I only hope that when I need help and grow older, there will be someone who cares enough to help me.'"



Volunteer Bonnie Hurley with Hazel Crawford

Meet Our Staff

The staff at The Center for Volunteer Caregiving is here to help! Please let us know how we can assist your volunteer efforts.

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More volunteers are needed in all areas of Wake County, particularly in North Raleigh and Garner where we have a huge demand for services. Please, if you or your congregation can help, give us a call at 919-460-0567.

"The Center is a blessing to me. I live alone, and the volunteers take extra care of me... God bless them." E.W., Raleigh

Thank you!!!

New Grants Awarded to The Center

Thank you!!!

For fiscal year 2004-2005, The Sisters of Mercy of North Carolina Foundation awarded a \$35,000 grant to The Center for Volunteer Caregiving to be used for operating support. The Sisters of Mercy Foundation seeks to promote systemic change and assist individuals, especially women, children and those who are elderly, to empower themselves and to improve the quality of their lives.

The Triangle J Area Agency on Aging awarded \$41,000 to The Center for fiscal year 2004-2005. The money will be used to support The Center's respite care program. Funding for the program is provided by the Older Americans Act Title III-E National Family Caregiver Support Program.

The Center's Wish List: Office supplies, digital camera, adding machine. Your tax-deductible financial contributions are always needed and greatly appreciated. Our mailing address is 975 Walnut St., Ste. 311, Cary, NC 27511.

The Center for Volunteer Caregiving Member Congregations

- Church of the Nativity, Raleigh
- First United Methodist Church, Cary
- NCSU Park Scholars, Raleigh
- New Horizon's Fellowship, Apex
- Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Raleigh
- Sacred Heart Cathedral, Raleigh
- St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, Apex
- St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church, Wake Forest
- St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Raleigh
- St. Luke Catholic Church, Raleigh
- St. Michael Catholic Church, Cary
- St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Cary
- The Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, Apex
- Wake Chapel Church, Raleigh



Hundreds of elderly and disabled residents of Wake County just "need a little help" to live independently. Please join our member congregation family in serving God through helping our neighbors—just call The Center at 919-460-0567.

Upcoming New Volunteer Training Sessions

Below are dates and locations for upcoming training/orientation sessions; all sessions run from 9am-12 noon. Please call Betty Newell at 460-0567 to register.

August 21
Church of the Nativity
8849 Ray Rd., Raleigh

September 18
New Horizons Fellowship
820 E. Williams St., Apex

October 9
First United Methodist Church
117 S. Academy St., Cary

Mark your calendar!
Volunteer Appreciation Lunch
Sunday, November 7th

June 1, 2004

U.S. Senate Letter of Commendation



To the staff and volunteers of The Center for Volunteer Caregiving:

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate you on your outstanding service to North Carolina. Your organization has given independence to countless elderly and disabled adults, providing them with dignity and a high quality of life which they deserve.

Since your creation, you have reached out across North Carolina spreading the ideal of neighbors helping neighbors. Your innovation and leadership in volunteerism and community support has improved the lives of many North Carolinians.

Again, it gives me great pleasure to have organizations such as The Center for Volunteer Caregiving providing valuable service to the citizens of NC. I trust that you will continue your great service to all North Carolinians and look forward to seeing your future success.

Yours sincerely,
John Edwards