We believe that companionship is vital to everyone's happiness and well-being.

Our hope is that nobody lives out their later years feeling alone. Everyone deserves friendship!



A visit from a Senior Companion Program volunteer could change your life!



## What some of our clients have to say....

"Thank you so much for the cards, good wishes, and for my senior companion-all have added happiness to my life."

"The Senior Companion Program does the nicest things-you are so special and you're appreciated more than you know."

"The Senior Companion Program and my volunteer have brought much joy to my life that wasn't there before."

"You are the most wonderful organization and people. The things you do are awesome. I thank you, and I thank the Lord for leading me to you."

"You make the world nicera big thank you!"

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#### **Client Information**



Would you enjoy a weekly visit with a new friend?





#### What is SCP?

Senior Companion Program Inc. (SCP) is a nonprofit 501(3)c organization founded in 1978 by the Racine Dominican Sisters.

The program was founded to alleviate loneliness, enabling older adults to live out their later years with hope, meaning and dignity.

There is no cost to be a part of Senior Companion Program, Inc.

#### How does it work?

We believe that nobody should live out their later years feeling lonely. Our mission is to enhance the quality of life for older adults through socialization and information.

With respect for the dignity and unique characteristics of each person, Senior Companion Program matches one of our volunteers with a client. That volunteer then visits the same person every week. Our volunteers and their companion usually find a common ground quickly, and their relationship builds from there!

You might simply spend an hour in conversation. You might play a board or card game, do a puzzle, read aloud, watch a TV program, have a snack, listen to music, do a craft... the possibilities are endless!

We know that even though our program members are older now, they weren't always so-and they still have the same interests they've always had!

Our clients love to share stories of their life experiences with our volunteers!

### What you can expect.

We ask our volunteers for a minimum of one hour per week to visit their companion. Which day of the week and what time of day is worked out between the volunteer and the client.

All of our volunteers must pass a background check before being matched with the companion.

We do not expect our volunteers to transport their companion anywhere.

Any outing would not be under the umbrella of Senior Companion

Program, Inc.

SCP volunteers *do not* provide medical care, personal care, assistance with finances, house cleaning, cooking, or any other type of home, health, or personal services.

Senior Companion Program volunteers do provide a connection with the outside, they provide friendship, and they provide weekly visits for our clients to look forward to.

We believe companionship and socialization are vital for everyone's happiness and well-being!

I've learned....that the best classroom in the world is the feet of an elderly person." -Andy Rooney