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Senior Companion Program

Everyone deserves a friend!

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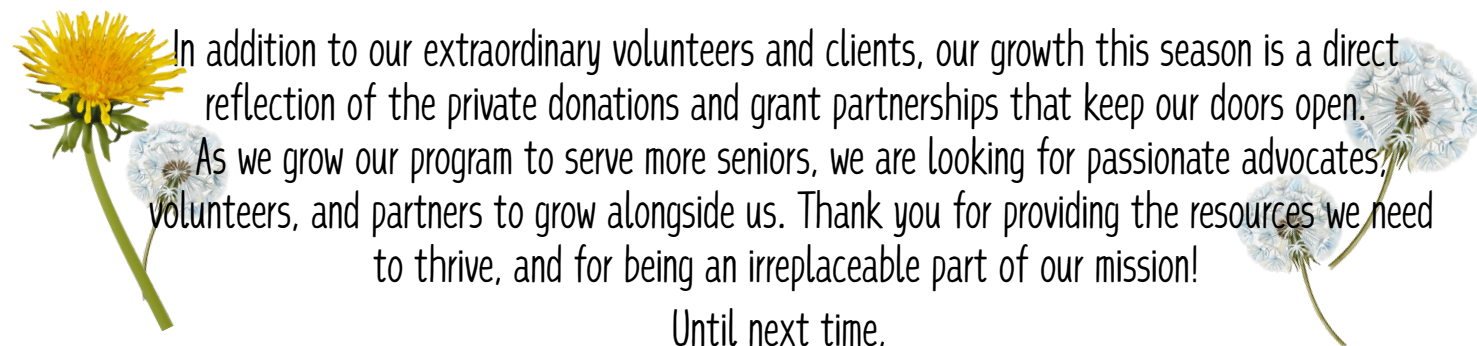
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In addition to our extraordinary volunteers and clients, our growth this season is a direct reflection of the private donations and grant partnerships that keep our doors open. As we grow our program to serve more seniors, we are looking for passionate advocates, volunteers, and partners to grow alongside us. Thank you for providing the resources we need to thrive, and for being an irreplaceable part of our mission!

Until next time,
Loretta, Cheryl and Jeanne



Dear Senior Companion Program Community,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am writing to share that Sue Craanen has decided to retire from her role as Executive Director, effective May 1, 2026. Over the past 13 years, Sue has been an exceptional leader, driving our mission forward and expanding our impact in alleviating the loneliness of seniors in our community. We owe a deep debt of gratitude to Sue for her tireless advocacy, strategic focus, and the stable foundation she helped build.

We are pleased to share that Loretta Baxter will lead day-to-day operations as interim executive director until a new permanent director is found. After that, she will transition into an advisory role to onboard the incoming director.

Our mission has never been more vital, and our strategic plan remains firmly on track.

We are deeply grateful for your continued partnership and support as we enter this exciting next chapter of growth. If you have any questions regarding the transition or the search process, please feel free to reach out to me at tward@harmonycare.com

Sincerely,

Tammy Ward

Board President, Senior Companion Program

CONNECTION CORNER



Julie and Dolores will celebrate their two year friendship in September and Julie tells us that she feels blessed to know this wonderful woman! She says not only have they developed a friendship, but she's also gotten to know Dolores' children and has become friends with them. Julie looks forward to their Wednesday visits. Sometimes they put puzzles together or they visit outside, and sometimes they simply chat. Julie enjoys listening to many of Dolores' childhood stories, and they also play cards where Dolores almost always beats her! Dolores tells us that she really looks forward to Julie's visits every week and she really enjoys spending time together! Julie says she looks

forward to their future visits and that she's so thankful for the friendship they have made. Nothing makes us happier than when our volunteers and clients form a connection!

"Every friendship starts with a simple hello and grows with shared moments."
~Unknown

LONELINESS AND SOCIAL ISOLATION: SMALL STEPS TOWARD CONNECTION

While the terms are often used interchangeably, loneliness and social isolation are not the same. Social isolation refers to having few social contacts or limited interaction with others, while loneliness is the feeling of being disconnected or lacking meaningful relationships. Loneliness and social isolation have been linked to increased stress, anxiety, depression, poor sleep, and a greater risk of chronic health conditions.

Combating loneliness often begins with small, consistent actions. Reaching out to a friend or family member with a phone call or text can reopen lines of communication. Joining a community group, book club, fitness class, or faith organization provides opportunities to meet people with shared interests. Volunteering is another meaningful way to connect while making a positive difference in the lives of others.

It is equally important to care for your own well-being. Regular exercise, healthy eating, adequate sleep, and spending time outdoors can improve mood and increase energy, making it easier to engage with others.

Every conversation, shared activity, and act of kindness can help build a stronger sense of belonging. By taking small steps to connect with others, individuals can reduce loneliness, improve their health, and create lasting relationships that enrich their lives. If you are feeling lonely and would like to learn more about becoming a client of SCP, or if you have one hour per week to help a senior in our community feel less alone, give us a call at 262-898-1941!

WORD SEARCH



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SWIM
BASEBALL
LEMONADE
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Join us for the first annual
Lucky Strike
Bowling Fundraiser!
Saturday August 15, 2026
4pm-6pm (register at 3:30pm)
Two Hours of Bowling **4-6 Bowlers per Lane**
Includes shoe rental! Bumpers will be available!
Pizza, Soda, Dessert, 50/50 Raffle and Raffle Baskets!
\$20.00 Per Person
Kids under 5 bowl free!
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