

VOLUNTEER CAREGIVER

Goal:

As a Volunteer Caregiver, you will provide practical assistance in meeting the daily living needs of the older adult(s) you serve. In doing so, you will enhance the quality of life of your care receiver through socialization, concern, and support.

Qualifications:

- Interest and compassionate concern for the elderly living in the community
- Willingness to help your “neighbor(s) in need” by providing services according to ability, interest, and availability
- Respect for various faith traditions and cultures in our community and the ability and willingness to work with persons from those faiths and cultures regardless of race, color, creed, social standing, sexual orientation, or national origin

Responsibilities:

- Attend orientation session and complete volunteer application including criminal background check (Act 33/34), confidentiality statement, and references
- Honor confidentiality and the privacy of care receivers
- Maintain respect for staff and care receivers
- Represent *Open Your Heart to a Senior* in the community and refer potential volunteers
- Report volunteer hours monthly
- Alert volunteer coordinator if anything changes with relationship to care receiver, volunteer interest, or volunteer availability. Contact volunteer coordinator with any questions or concerns relating to volunteering.

Reporting:

- Report volunteer hours every month. Submit hours to volunteer coordinator by mail, email, fax, or phone by 5:00pm the first Friday of the subsequent month.

Benefits:

- Training and continuous learning opportunities
- Joy from sharing the gift of service with those in need
- Being part of a growing community-wide and national movement of service to “neighbors in need” provided by faith-based organizations
- Belonging to a local network of other volunteers dedicated to serving the elderly
- Recognition of your valuable and valued service as an *Open Your Heart to a Senior* volunteer