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How Community Caregivers Can Make a Real Difference for You, Your Family and Your Friends

Mrs. B is 80 years old. She is the main caretaker for her husband, age 85, who has Alzheimer's disease. After 5 years, the disease is progressing quickly and Mr. B is mostly confined to his bed or chair. His communication is extremely limited, but Mrs. B seems to sense his every need.

Mrs. B would like to continue caring for her husband at home as long as possible, but the demands of prolonged caregiving are causing her to neglect her own health. By hiring a part-time private aide and taking advantage of Community Caregivers respite volunteers, Mrs. B can now schedule and keep her own medical appointments. She can also attend the monthly Memory Loss Support Group, where she benefits from the experiences and understanding of caregivers in similar situations.

Jeanne is 56 year old woman with long history of mental illness controlled by medication, therapy and occasional hospitalizations. She also has diabetes and has recently undergone knee replacement surgery. She lives alone in a second floor apartment and uses a walker for mobility.

A Community Caregivers volunteer has been visiting Jeanne every 2 weeks to do light housekeeping and pick up groceries. Our volunteers also drive her to medical appointments on a weekly basis. Without the help of Community Caregivers, Jeanne might not be able stay in her apartment and obtain the medical treatment she needs.

Mr. H, age 85, and Mrs. H, age 84, manage to continue living at home despite serious illnesses. Mr. H is legally blind and has diabetes along with chronic heart problems. Mrs. H has diabetes and kidney disease, and receives outpatient dialysis treatments.

Community Caregivers volunteers have provided twice-weekly rides to the dialysis center over the past year and a half. With the help of these volunteers and a very supportive daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H have been able to stay in the home they love.