

Tipple says Community Caregivers needs Hilltown volunteers

To the editor:

At its Jan. 18 meeting, the Kiwanis Club of the Hilltowns heard from Tom Tipple, executive director of Community Caregivers. Mr. Tipple brought us up to date on the activities of Caregivers and in particular spoke to the need for volunteers in the communities of Berne and Knox.

Since Jan. 1, 2009, the Community Caregivers volunteers have provided 1598 services to 65 individual clients in Berne and Knox. Mr. Tipple outlined the need for more volunteers as Caregivers has had to turn down requests for help due to lack of volunteers.

Anyone who volunteers is covered by the group's umbrella insurance plan and can choose to work in a time frame that best suits his or her own needs.

Community Caregivers provides free education to volunteers and the public on the first Thursday of the month at the Guilderland Public Library. February's topic is dementia and Alzheimer's.

To get help, call the office at 456-2898. A nurse will conduct an intake interview at the client's home.

Speakers such as Mr. Tipple are just one of the ways the Hilltown Kiwanis seeks to be of service to the community. We welcome interested local residents to our meetings, which are held at the Highlands restaurant at 6 p.m. every Wednesday evening.

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