

# NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

GOOD SHEPHERD INTERFAITH VOLUNTEER CAREGIVERS

Fall 2014

## West Virginia Home Instead Award Winner

“Peggy Grantham is the 2014 West Virginia Home Instead Senior Care Salute to Senior Service Award winner.” This contest recognizes everyday seniors who make a difference through volunteering. Peggy received a \$500 award, which she donated to Good Shepherd Caregivers. Thank you, Peggy. We love you!



“Peggy Grantham, Winner of the 2014 Award.

## What Would One Day without Volunteers Look Like at Good Shepherd Caregivers?

- ⇒ Dialysis patients with no transportation for critical treatment
- ⇒ Veterans unable to reach their medical appointments
- ⇒ Frail clients who live alone with no support calls
- ⇒ Other clients without provisions for grocery shopping, banking or attending social service evaluations
- ⇒ No tracking of clients’ needs
- ⇒ No maintaining of safer, drier and warmer homes for clients

**Volunteers are our heroes offering their gifts of time, talent and service to those in need.**

## Volunteer Appreciation Lunch

A big thank you goes out to everyone who joined us for the Volunteer Appreciation lunch at the home of Pheny and John Aldis on Wednesday, October 8, 2014. The weather was beautiful, and everyone enjoyed the food donated by the Mediterranean Café, Chick-fil-A, Shepherdstown McDonalds, Olive Garden and Pheny.

## Here’s to You! Applauding Volunteers!

It’s a mistake to think of volunteering as something nice that people do. It’s more realistic to see the work of volunteers as critical community action. Since 1990, the founding year of Good Shepherd Caregivers, over **\$6,000,000** of donated services and projects have been generously given to the community.

Volunteers add enormous value to getting things done. They help non-profits save money, build networks of support, add expertise and reduce the cost of services.

*“No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.”*



Board member Dan Rowzie assisting client John Reynolds

**Aesop**

### Wish list

Often churches and supporters ask what items are continually used at Good Shepherd Caregivers. The following is our wish list:

- ◆ White Printer Paper
- ◆ Bottled Water
- ◆ Paper Towels
- ◆ Toilet Paper
- ◆ Air Freshener
- ◆ Ice & Snow Melt Products
- ◆ Thinking of You Cards
- ◆ Sympathy Cards
- ◆ Get Well Cards
- ◆ Postage Stamps
- ◆ Tissues
- ◆ Disinfecting Wipes

### Do Small Donations Help?

Are you someone who thinks that your small donation cannot really be that important to a non-profit? I'm here to tell you that it does! Statistics tell us that donations from average individuals make up 75% of the total giving in America. The wealthiest account for 25% of all charitable giving. **Bravo to you**, whichever category you fall in because you are changing the place that you live, work, and play. Please keep those donations coming.

Visit our website at [www.GSIVC.org](http://www.GSIVC.org)



### Medical Equipment Needs

Good Shepherd Caregivers is always in need of gently used medical equipment. Donations of wheelchairs, walkers, canes, transfer benches and potty chairs can be dropped off at the office at 7311 Martinsburg Pike, Shepherdstown, WV 25443. We are happy to furnish the donor with a tax-deductible receipt.



## Lost and Found?

Over a year ago, we lost two super volunteers who were our Medical Equipment Lending team. For over twenty years, John Lilga and Frank Van Hilst picked up or delivered medical equipment, made small repairs and organized the storage units. We are lost without John and Frank and need to find one or more people who are willing to use their helping hands for this worthwhile purpose. The Medical Equipment Lending Coordinator position is extremely flexible. We would truly appreciate a call at 304-876-3325 or an email to [director@gsivc.org](mailto:director@gsivc.org).

## Let's Get This Party Started— Potters' Bowl 2015

Won't you join us and become part of our Potters' Bowl Event Team? There are many different ways to assist with this grand event. The memorable Potters' Bowl is set to take place on Friday, March 13, 2015. We are looking for interested people to join our planning committee. Call **304-876-3325** to help us make this the best Potters' Bowl yet.



2014 Potters' Bowl

## Congratulations to KC Brewster

KC Brewster, Transportation Manager, is the recipient of an award from the Beverly Foundation Legacy to pursue a certificate in Organizing and Managing Senior Transportation Options. This program is offered by the Gerontology Institute, University of Massachusetts Boston College of Advancing and Professional Studies. Her online classes begin in Fall 2014. Well-done, KC, we are proud of you!

## Lower Your West Virginia Tax Liability!

Did you know that all our services are free of cost? How, you may ask. One way is with the help from a program called, the Neighborhood Investment Program (N-I-P). The following is an example of how this program works. Let's use the example of a \$500 donation. Good Shepherd receives \$500 from your donation. Good Shepherd then gives you back a WV tax credit of \$250 that can be applied to your WV tax liability. The \$500 donation can also be claimed on your federal tax return as a charitable donation. A donations of \$500 cost the donor only \$150 after using the tax credits and federal deductions. Call 304-876-3325 or email [Director@gsivc.org](mailto:Director@gsivc.org) and let us answer your questions on how this program can work for you.

*"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around." — Leo Buscaglia*

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Dining for Dollars

**Save the Dates:**

The Potters' Bowl	March 13, 2015 6:00 PM Shepherdstown Fire Department
Good Shepherd Caregivers Meade Dorsey Golf Classic	May 1, 2015 10:00 AM Cress Creek Country Club
Rubber Ducky Race	July 18, 2015 4:30 PM Town Run on German Street
Tastes from Around the World	October 7, 2015 6:30 PM Bavarian Inn

**Our New Phone System**

Perhaps you have recently tried to call the office and heard the new voice prompts on the phone. During office hours, if you do not key in an extension, the phone will ring to each staff a few times and keep rotating until someone picks up your call. We promise to work out the kinks as quickly as possible.

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