

# Our Home to Your Home

John Krieger had a lot of pride in his independence. It took some time and serious thought before he would allow his I-CARE coordinator, Shelley Fricke, to set him up with an emergency response system (ERS). However, within three hours of having it brought in, he was putting it to the test. He slipped in the bathroom and ended up stuck in the bathtub. He laid there trying to get up on his own before he remembered that he had his lifeline and pushed the button. Later Mr. Krieger realized that without the ERS he would have been in a bad situation, and could not have guessed at how long he would have laid there. After this experience John can still be proud of his independence, but even more so of his decision to get a product which helps him maintain that independence.

**“In the beginning... I didn't give much thought about the (I-CARE) program because I didn't know what it was. But now I know you, the program and how you conduct yourself and I think it is a necessity for any senior Mason who needs help.... members shouldn't overlook it.”**

*John Krieger*



**“Angelo greets everyone with a smile and is always ready to talk. He loves spending time with his family especially around the holidays. He also enjoys watching *Dancing with the Stars*.”**

Mr. Delliquadri is 84 and a retired Chiropractor with mid stage Alzheimer's Dementia. He and his wife, Mary, brought Cornerstone Home Health into their home to assist with Angelo's care. Their home health aide, Sundae Blume, has flash cards she received from his nurse, also a Cornerstone employee. Ms. Blume uses them to work with him for reminders and cognition.

**“We have been very happy with their (Cornerstone Home Health) services.”**

*Mary Delliquadri*



“This is about simplifying a person's medication regimen. I am a caregiver for my husband Michael, and it has made all the difference in my life. The difference in care that he gets is thanks to Skilled Care Direct from the Life Compass program. My stress level is decreased, I no longer have to spend hours upon hours sorting and putting his medications into a pill container. . . all I have to do is to take the strip for the day and I have all his doses ready to go. There is no worry that I made a mistake, there is no hunting for pills with my tired eyes. . . it is just great!”

**“They call me every month religiously to review Mike's medications and be sure there were no changes...yes, I am able to call any time with changes, but they always do this right before they make the box up. It is so wonderful. It is convenient, saves me time, provides accuracy and has decreased my stress level. While my medications are not near as complex as those of my husband, I signed up too, as it's just so easy to use.”**

*Colleen Ellis concerning her husband Michael Ellis*



“My husband and I moved in nine years ago and we really love it here. We think it’s one of the best decisions we’ve ever made...I think that’s one of the reasons we’ve been so happy, we made the decision and we knew what we wanted.”— *Mrs. Bubsey*

**“If you want, there are more things to do than you have time to do them. This is another nice thing about being in a facility like this; you just never would have the opportunity to have all these activities so close at hand, so available.” — *Mr. Bubsey***

“One of the reasons we wanted to move to a house was because we would have some room for gardening, we didn’t want to have a big garden anymore because it’s just too much work. If anything goes wrong they come and fix it. It is just very nice, the lawns mowed the snow is plowed.” — *Mrs. Bubsey*

“The best thing for me so far is the fact that I don’t have to worry about the incidentals that might go wrong in the house. That really makes it a nice, relaxing kind of stress-free living. I really like that.” — *Mr. Bubsey*

**“We came a little earlier than we expected, never regretted it, in fact it’s probably the best thing we ever did... It’s such a stress free life. We keep trying to convince people earlier is better.”— *Mr. Bubsey***

“There aren’t words enough to describe how I feel about the Springfield Masonic Community. When I got sick, I was visiting in Chicago at my daughter’s place, she called Springfield Masonic Community and they said to get me back to Springfield as soon as possible. We had been trying medicine you can get at the drugstore, but it just wasn’t working. When I got back, they took me to the hospital. I was in bad shape. Now I’m getting better, but it could have been much worse if they hadn’t been so concerned and gotten me back so quickly.”

**“This place is outstanding. The beauty that they have provided is as beautiful today as when I was here as a child.” (Regarding SMC Campus aesthetics)**

*Jim Zeigler*



Martha Nobbe is one of 100% of retirees who find themselves on a fixed income. Similar to others her age, Ms. Nobbe found that she could use a little assistance in some areas of her life. The widow of a Mason and an Eastern Star member she was able to take advantage of I-CARE and its service coordinators’ talents. After the first contact from her local coordinator, she was connected to programs which led to energy assistance, help with outside chores, safety modifications to her home and even a new porch.

**“It’s all good (I-CARE program). It has helped me stay independent, and I am an independent person. I didn’t want it at first, but now I am glad I let you come out and help me.”**

*Martha Nobbe*

