



The Exchange



Summer 2024



Over 30 Years Of Neighbors Helping Neighbors



Mandy Arnold
President/ CEO

Dear Partners In Care Family,

At Partners In Care, every Member's journey is a testament to the power of Community, support, and shared purpose. We believe that the unique stories of our members are the heart and soul of our Organization, reflecting the diverse experiences and rich tapestry of lives intertwined through acts of kindness and mutual support.

Your personal journey with Partners In Care can inspire others and highlight the significance of our work. Whether you've received support that made a difference in your life or found joy in giving back to the Community, your story is a powerful tool for advocacy, motivating others to get involved, or donate. Your experience can also foster a sense of connection and solidarity among Members, showing that we are all part of a supportive network.

Many of our Members have experienced the profound support offered by Partners In Care. Whether through transportation services, home repairs, or social activities, the assistance provided has a lasting impact. By sharing your story, we can illustrate the tangible benefits of our services while acknowledging the efforts of our Volunteers.

For many, the act of giving back is a source of immense joy and fulfillment. Bill, a handyman with Partners In Care states, "I've always wanted to kind of do handyman work. Although I was an executive with the Government, and I didn't want to manage people anymore. I joined Partners In Care and I just love it. When I'm helping people it just makes me feel great, especially when I walked away and they've had something fixed." Members like Bill exemplify the spirit of volunteerism that is at the core of our mission that can inspire others to discover the joy that comes from helping others.

Your story has the power to create change, inspire action, and build a stronger, more connected community.

Thank you for being an essential part of Partners In Care. Your contributions, whether through sharing your story, volunteering, or contributing in other ways, are what make your PIC Community thrive. Let's continue to celebrate and uplift each other, one story at a time.

We invite you to share your story by emailing it to media@partnersincare.org

With Appreciation,

Mandy Arnold, CEO,
Partners In Care

The Art of Living and Giving



As we age, we accumulate experiences and treasures that tell the story of our lives. If someone is fortunate, they'll have the chance to discover your story.

On a recent visit to the PIC Offices, Ms. C. stopped to chat with Volunteers and Staff, bringing a cherished item to donate to our Upscale Resale Boutique, sharing her story.

Hailing from the Midwest and sharing a love for Aladdin lamps, Ms. C. tells of how she paid homage to the famous "American Gothic" painting by Grant Wood by adding an Aladdin lamp. She shares that through the years this prized creation has accompanied her to numerous antique shows serving as a reminder of these cherished moments.

Knowing that her collected treasures and handmade creations spread joy while supporting PIC's Mission means the world to Ms. C.! So, whether you purchase one of Ms. C.'s lovingly handcrafted pieces, like a kitchen secretary desk or an item she obtained during her adventures, such as a prized bag from her safari trip to Tanzania, remember that everyone has a story to share.



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A Sparkling Success!



Our 18th Annual Jewelry Extravaganza, Spring Fling With Bling, held at Bleues On The Water, was truly a dazzling affair!

Guests enjoyed a delightful luncheon and shopped an array of stunning jewelry, and designer clothing, shoes, purses, and more from our Upscale Resale Boutique.

Thank you to everyone who made it a truly unforgettable event! Don't miss our next event!



Mid Shore's Low Vision Group Fosters Independence and Community



The Low-Vision Group Warm House meets every other month to provide support and social engagement to its Members. The group meetings focus on tools and resources that assist them with living independently. Linda, who bakes special treats for these meetings, states that she mixes each recipe with joy and gratitude, adding, "Functional skills are the most beneficial for us."

Joann compassionately helps to empower others in the group by teaching them how to use various assistive technology devices. Joann says about Partners In Care, "They engage volunteers who care. The Mid Shore office in Easton provides a great resource for those that cannot drive, helping them remain independent. And, that is a big deal for us."

Other Members of our amazing Mid Shore Low-Vision Group that Volunteer an impressive amount of time include Beverly and Alice, who close the gap between loneliness and social isolation by making friendly phone calls filled with hope and encouragement to other PIC Members.

This group is one of the shining examples of how accessibility and support creates independence and shows us all the capabilities one has when empowered while creating a support network focused on "Neighbors Helping Neighbors".

If you or someone you know is living with a visual impairment and needs support, please contact us to inquire about becoming a PIC Member and joining Mid Shore's Low-Vision Group.

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CFL Keeps Members Active and Independent - Ms. Gloria Leads The Way!



PIC's Washington County office in Hagerstown, MD is getting Members "out and about", making sure they don't miss a single appointment or social event. One such Member is Ms. Gloria, who joined PIC's Community For Life (Fee For Service) Program in November 2023.

Ms. Gloria, who is over 90 years "young," uses the CFL guaranteed transportation services for doctor appointments, trips to the hair salon, lunch with friends, and various other outings. She appreciates the independence, reliability, and caring support our services provide. In fact, she is so pleased with her experiences, that she has referred her square dance partner, who is also over 90 years "young," to us for services as well.



While Ms. Gloria can still drive short distances around the city, she enjoys the peace of mind that comes with using our transportation services for longer trips across town. Grateful for the support she receives from Partners In Care, Ms. Gloria has promised to refer other friends who may need assistance, but wish to maintain their independence and ability to continue to engage in the things they enjoy doing for as long as possible.

PIC Superheroes: Creating Community One Act Of Kindness At A Time



This year's Volunteer Appreciation theme was "You Are a Superhero." We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our incredible volunteers for the heroic difference you make throughout the year. We could not do it without you!

Each year at this event, we also honor our newly designated Premier Partners—Volunteers who have gone Above and Beyond in their service. A special thank you to this year's Premier Partners (Left to Right): Pam Jendrek from Anne Arundel County, John Andres from the Mid Shore, and Christine Hommey from Frederick.

To learn more about Volunteer opportunities with Partners In Care, visit: www.partnersincare.org



If you love Partners In Care, then tell the world! Sharing your stories will help us make an even bigger impact in our community.

Submit a brief story about your experience with Partners In Care for a chance for it to be featured in our next newsletter, on our website, and/or social media! Submit your stories to media@partnersincare.org

Chosen stories will earn Members an hour of time in their time bank!



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