

The Exchange



Neighbors Helping Neighbors



Mandy Arnold
President/ CEO

Dear Partners In Care Community,

As the season of giving nears, I am truly grateful for the generosity that fuels Partners In Care's mission. This time of year reminds us to reflect on our blessings and share with those in need. Your support is what allows this organization to continue, and we need you to continue to help make a lasting impact beyond the holidays.

There are many ways to give. On Tuesday, Dec. 3rd, it's Giving Tuesday. This is a global movement where you can make a donation to support our programs. We also have our Elves For Elders initiative. Through this, you can brighten an older adult's holiday by contributing to or delivering a holiday stocking, reminding them they are valued. Consider the lasting impact of a recurring contribution - it provides a steady foundation that helps us plan and grow year-round. Or, if you'd like to make a tangible

difference, a donation to our Boutique sustains our mission directly through each item donated or purchased.

At Partners In Care, we support the Individuals that paved the way for you and me to be here today.

Volunteering is another meaningful way to give. Whether driving a Member to appointments, sharing a friendly visit with someone isolated, lending a hand at our Boutique, or connecting veterans, your time and compassion brighten lives. Spreading the word that Partners In Care is always in need of volunteers, also makes a difference. By sharing our story with friends and family or promoting us on social media, you help us reach more people who can benefit from our services or feel inspired to volunteer and make a difference.

As you consider how you might give this season, imagine the impact you can make: An Older Adult reaching their doctor's appointment or the joy of an older adult feeling less lonely after a friendly visit. These moments define Partners In Care, and they're made possible because of you and your support.

Thank you for being you, and a vital part of our community. Your support, in any form, is a gift that truly changes lives. Together, let's continue the spirit of giving this season, bringing light and love to those who need it most.

Wishing you and your family a joyful and blessed holiday season filled with cherished moments!

With heartfelt gratitude,

Mandy Frnold CEO, Partners In Care









Partners In Care Maryland, Inc.

Stitching Kindness & Connection

With a twinkle in her eye and warmth in her voice, Denise has spent the last eleven years weaving her magic through both sewing and matchmaking for Partners In Care. Over the years, she's crafted hundreds of items like turtles for mopping up spills, phone holders, and cozy soup bowl cozies, all sold in the Partners In Care Boutique. Remarkably, 23% of the boutique's revenue supports the administration of PIC. Denise, a member of the PIC crafting group, works twice a month with fellow crafters to transform everyday items into pieces of art. "There's more than just crafting happening here," she shares, "my cheeks ache from laughter, and acquaintances have become lifelong friends."



Denise's passion for sewing began early, thanks to her mother. Sewing, she believes, is more than making perfect stitches—it's a source of solace. She fondly recounts creating a lap quilt for a friend who recently faced the loss of his wife and a fall that left him temporarily using a wheelchair. Using repurposed fabric adorned with squirrels and breadcrumbs, she hopes to bring joy to him, just as sewing brings her peace.

Denise also dedicates herself to "matchmaking" — pairing volunteer drivers with PIC members who need a ride. Her calls are more than just logistics; they create links that bridge gaps and combat isolation. "PIC isn't just about services; it's about giving people like me the chance to offer a hand up, not a handout," she says. Denise's dedication shines like strands of gold stitched into the fabric of Partners In Care.

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Bringing Heart, Humor, and a Helping Hand to Partners In Care's Boutique



Lois, fondly known as "Lolo," has been a beloved member of Partners In Care since 2000. Over the past 24 years, she has brought joy, laughter, and dedication to the Anne Arundel County Upscale Resale Boutique, where she volunteers every Saturday, Lolo's presence is a constant source of warmth and inspiration for both fellow volunteers and shoppers. With more than 2,352 volunteer hours and 6,451 miles contributed, her impact is truly remarkable.

Lolo's infectious joy is impossible to miss—whether she's modeling items from the boutique, serving on the jewelry committee, sharing stories, or bridging generational gaps with young volunteers. Her genuine warmth and humor have made her a favorite among staff and patrons. If we tracked sales inspired by her impromptu modeling, we'd see a clear uptick!

Working with Lolo is a true privilege. Her devotion to Partners In Care and her unwavering commitment to helping others is inspiring. She embodies the spirit of volunteerism, always ready with a smile, a helping hand, and plenty of good cheer. It's no wonder she draws people in, encouraging them to learn more about our mission.

At our recent Fall Prevention Resource Fair, Lolo shared that after losing her husband, she needed to stay busy and found her way to Partners In Care. Over the years, we've been incredibly fortunate to have her as part of our family. Lolo, we are endlessly grateful for your service, and we all aspire to be a little more like you!

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Independence: How Partners In Care Helps My Mom Live Life On Her Terms

Partners In Care Maryland, Inc. has been invaluable for my mom, helping her maintain her cherished independence. She's always been a trailblazer, advancing from entry-level jobs to managing a department, so staying in control is essential for her. Thanks to Partners In Care's Ride Partners Program, she still feels that way.

Mom enjoys calling in her ride requests and confirming appointments with the friendly drivers, giving her autonomy and dignity. For my sister and me, it's a relief knowing she's able to make her doctor's appointments while we manage our workdays. Beyond transportation, Mom loves the Social Learning Series, especially classes like Square Foot Gardening and Ask the Undertaker, which have enriched her life with practical knowledge.

To support her, my sister and I donate gently used items to the Upscale Resale Boutique, each donation adding hours to her time bank. I also create handmade crafts to sell, donating those earned hours to her. It's a meaningful way for us to ensure she has the time bank hours needed to access the services she loves.

To learn if you can donate your hours to a qualified family member, please email us at: contactus@partnersincare.org

Celebrating Community at our Annual Bull & Oyster Roast







On November 2nd, we celebrated an unforgettable evening at the **Partners In Care Annual Fundraising Event!** From heartwarming stories to exciting raffle prizes, this event was filled with laughter, community, and the spirit of giving.

Honoring Those Who Served: PIC's Annual Veterans Day Luncheon

On November 11th, our Anne Arundel and Mid Shore sites proudly honored all Veteran Members and their spouses with our Annual Veterans Day Celebration.









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Elves for Elders



Scan here to join Partners In Care as an Elf this holiday season and help bring warmth, joy, and connection to older adults in our community!

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