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Partners In Care is proud to introduce a refreshed logo and visual identity that reflects our continued growth, stronger collaboration within Chesapeake Health Partners, and our commitment to helping older adults age independently.

For more than 30 years, our mission has remained the same: Neighbors Helping Neighbors. While our look is changing, the heart of our organization is not.

"Our new visual identity reflects both our history and our future," said Amy Van Orden, Director of Operations.

"It represents the strength of our partnership within Chesapeake Health Partners while remaining rooted in the values that have guided us for more than 30 years."



You'll begin seeing our updated logo across our website, social media, printed materials, signage, and other communications over the coming months. Our mission, programs, services, staff, volunteers, donors, and commitment to helping older adults remain independent continue unchanged.

This new logo is more than a fresh design—it symbolizes our continued commitment to innovation, collaboration, and strengthening the communities we proudly serve.

Invest in Your Community. Help Older Adults Thrive.



Every day, older adults in our community rely on Partners In Care for transportation to medical appointments, home repairs that improve safety, and services that help them remain independent in the homes they love. Your generosity makes that possible.

Through Maryland's Community Investment Tax Credit (CITC) program, you have a unique opportunity to make an even greater impact while reducing your Maryland state tax liability.

Partners In Care has been awarded 2026 Community Investment Tax Credits by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development. Maryland residents and businesses that make a qualifying gift of \$1,000 or more may receive a 50% credit against their Maryland state income tax liability. For example, a \$1,000 donation may qualify for a \$500 state tax credit, in addition to other charitable tax deductions.

Tax credits are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The deadline for 2026 contributions is December 1, 2026.

To learn more, contact Christine Wilson at 443-837-1530 or cwilson@chpcares.org

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Looking Ahead:

An Important Update on Our Mid Shore Program

For nearly nine years, Partners In Care has had the privilege of serving older adults throughout Talbot and Caroline counties. Together, we have built a community rooted in our mission of Neighbors Helping Neighbors, providing transportation, meaningful connections, and compassionate support that has helped hundreds of older adults remain independent and engaged.

None of this would have been possible without the incredible dedication of our volunteers, members, donors, employees, funders, and community partners. Your generosity, kindness, and commitment have made a lasting difference in the lives of so many, and for that, we are deeply grateful.

After careful evaluation of the Mid Shore program's long-term sustainability and operational viability, we have made the difficult decision to begin an organized wind-down of the program. Services will continue through August 31, 2026, allowing us the time needed to thoughtfully support our members, honor our commitments, and ensure a caring transition.

This decision was made after careful evaluation of the Mid Shore program's long-term sustainability and operational viability. While the need for transportation and aging support services remains strong, we can no longer operate the program sustainably and are committed to supporting members throughout a thoughtful transition.

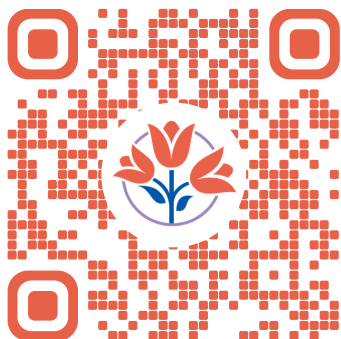
Our Commitment to our Mid Shore Members

Over the coming months, our team will work closely with Mid Shore members to understand individual needs, answer questions, and help connect them with available community resources. We are also exploring opportunities with other organizations that may be able to continue providing transportation and aging support services in the region.

A Legacy That Lives On

While this chapter is coming to a close, the impact of the Mid Shore program will continue. Together, we have created friendships, strengthened communities, and helped hundreds of older adults maintain their independence and quality of life. That legacy belongs to every volunteer who gave their time, every member who placed their trust in us, every donor who invested in our mission, and every community partner who stood beside us.

Thank you for being part of this journey and for helping bring our mission of Neighbors Helping Neighbors to life. We remain committed to supporting our members, volunteers, staff, and community partners throughout this transition, and we are honored by the opportunity to have served the Mid Shore community for nearly nine years.



If you or someone you love could use a little extra support, please know that you are not alone. The Mid Shore community offers resources to help with health, wellness, food, housing, and more.

Scan the QR code below to explore available Mid Shore resources and find the support that's right for you.



Celebrating All-Time Record Sales in June!



We are thrilled to share that June marked an all-time record sales for our Anne Arundel Boutique—an incredible milestone made possible by the ongoing support of our volunteers, donors, and community supporters.

Every donated item, purchase, and volunteer hour plays a vital role in funding essential programs that help older adults live independently and stay connected to their communities. From transportation and home repairs to social engagement and advocacy, these services are sustained through the collective effort of so many caring individuals across Maryland.

Our Upscale Resale Boutiques are more than retail spaces—they are mission-driven hubs that directly support this work. Each item processed, every shift covered, and every purchase made helps strengthen the programs that keep our neighbors safe, active, and engaged in the places they call home.

This achievement is a powerful reflection of what “Neighbors Helping Neighbors” truly means in action. It is a shared success built on compassion, generosity, and commitment to community.

Thank you for helping make this milestone possible and for continuing to support the mission of Partners In Care in such meaningful ways.



Events Calendar

GATHER: Learn. Connect. Thrive. — Scamdemic 2026

Tuesday, July 28 @ 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Location: Partners In Care | 8151-C Ritchie Highway, Pasadena, MD

Partners In Care Maryland, Inc., in partnership with Chesapeake Life Center, is launching GATHER: Learn. Connect. Thrive., a year-long healthy aging series.

The kickoff session, Scamdemic 2026, features Andre Lingham of Safe Aging Strategies and focuses on helping older adults recognize scams, report fraud, and stay protected through simple prevention strategies. Visit PartnersInCare.org for more info.



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By sharing a short review about your experience with Partners In Care Maryland, Inc, you help:

- ✓ Inspire new volunteers
- ✓ Build trust with potential donors
- ✓ Expand awareness of services that help older adults remain independent



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Walter Campbell
(Anne Arundel)



After retiring on disability, Walter Campbell sought a way to stay active and connected and began volunteering at Partners In Care's Anne Arundel Boutique, a place he already knew and enjoyed visiting.

Encouraged by his wife to “do something,” Walter was drawn back by the friendly people and welcoming environment. Now a valued volunteer, he's known for his humor, kindness, and dedication to keeping things organized and running smoothly.

For Walter, the best part is the teamwork: “Everybody helps each other. They work together like one big family.”

GATHER: Where Learning, Connection, and Living Well Come Together

GATHER:

Learn. Connect. Thrive.

Aging well is about more than healthcare—it is about connection, purpose, resilience, and belonging. That belief is at the heart of GATHER: Learn. Connect. Thrive., a year-long healthy aging and social learning initiative led by Partners In Care Maryland, Inc. in partnership with Chesapeake Life Center.

Created to support older adults and caregivers, GATHER addresses challenges such as isolation, caregiver stress, grief, chronic illness, and barriers to social engagement. Through in-person, virtual, and hybrid programs, participants have access to wellness activities, caregiver education, peer discussions, expressive arts, grief support and workshops focused on aging in place, safety, and brain health.

Participants also receive ongoing resources, including videos, tip sheets, and caregiver tools, to continue learning beyond each session.

As part of a collaborative effort between Partners In Care Maryland, Inc., and Chesapeake Life Center, GATHER strengthens community-based support and helps older adults remain connected, informed, and engaged—aging in place with dignity, purpose, and community.

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Extra Support for the Journey Ahead

How palliative care can help you live well with a serious illness

By Dr. Tom Walsh, Physician



As we get older, many of us find ourselves managing a serious illness—or helping a spouse, family member, or close friend do the same.

Between doctor appointments, medications, and keeping up with everyday life, it can sometimes feel like a heavy load to carry. The good news is you don't have to carry it alone. That's where palliative care comes in.

I'm often asked "what is palliative care? That's an easy answer--palliative care is specialized medical care for a serious illness that works alongside the care you're already receiving. The goal in palliative care is to help you feel your best with a serious illness so you can continue doing the things that matter most to you. For some people, that means managing pain so you can enjoy gardening and activities. For others, it's finding ways to reduce fatigue, so you have the energy to attend a grandchild's soccer game, enjoy dinner out with family or friends, or volunteer in your community. Sometimes, it's having someone explain your medical options in plain language so you can make decisions with confidence.

One of the biggest misconceptions is that palliative care is only for the end of life. That's simply not true. Palliative care is appropriate at any stage of a serious illness and can be provided while you're receiving treatments for conditions like heart disease, cancer, or other chronic illnesses. Think of it as another service or the palliative care team as another member of your healthcare team—a provider whose focus is helping you live as well as possible.

Palliative care is about helping you continue living the life that's meaningful to you—getting the specific care you need that enables you to spend time with family, attend church, or simply feel well enough to appreciate the little moments that make each day special.

If you or someone you love could use a little extra clinical support on the journey ahead, contact Chesapeake Supportive Care. We're here to answer your questions, provide guidance, and help you live life on your terms.

Chesapeake Supportive Care is a proud member of Chesapeake Health Partners and is honored to collaborate with Partners In Care Maryland. To learn more visit www.chesapeakesupportivecare.org.



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Every day, older adults in our community face a quiet crisis. A widow who can't get to her doctor's appointment. A veteran whose leaking faucet has become a flood. A grandmother who hasn't spoken to another person in five days. These are our neighbors — and they need us.

Partners In Care connects volunteers with older adults who simply need a hand. A ride to the pharmacy. A friendly visit. A small repair that means the difference between staying home safely and losing independence forever.

Last year, YOUR neighbors provided over 12,000 hours of service. But the need is growing faster than ever.

Your Gift at Work

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- \$50** covers a handyman visit to fix a safety hazard at home
- \$100** gives one month of friendly visitor companionship
- \$250** sponsors a Personal Emergency Response System for 3 months
- \$500** funds a full year of Ride Partners for one older adult

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