



Samaritan
Caregivers

HELLO NEIGHBORS

Samaritan Caregivers is so blessed! Chocolate Celebration went off without a hitch despite the snowiest winter EVER—\$8535 from our end-of-year appeal to finish 2013 in the black—voted 3rd runner-up as Kokomo Tribune's Best Community Service Organization! 2014 is off to a great start! Watch for info about adding a part-time staff this spring; new ways to support the organization and the biggest and best Duck Derby ever!

Check out the most recent Matthew West song, "Do Something." It speaks to the urgency of helping others, which is what we are all about!

With God's power working in us, he can do much, much more than anything we can ask or think of. Ephesians 3:20

In Christ's service,

Jamey Henderson
Executive Director

CALENDAR

Volunteer Recognition Week
April 21-25
"Celebrating Service"

Duck Derby, Kokomo Beach
Thursday, July 17,
5—10 pm

Neighbor to Neighbor

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It's Good to Give Back

When a friend donated to Samaritan Caregivers in memory of Sherry Gaylor's late husband, Sherry felt inspired to volunteer her time as a driver. She hadn't been serving with the organization long before Samaritan Caregivers introduced her to Beverly and her ailing husband. At first Sherry came as a visitor since Beverly's children lived out of town, making it difficult for the couple to get out and socialize. "We seemed to hit it off good," Beverly says of their early visits, "She's easy to talk to. She's down to earth and very sweet." Listening to Beverly's stories is one of the best parts of spending time together for Sherry. Just by sitting with them



"I got to know [Beverly and her husband] pretty well. She's a very sweet woman."

But when Beverly's husband shortly passed away, Sherry knew from experience she would need more than an occasional visit and someone to chat with. "I wanted to help her out since her husband did the driving," Sherry says. Now when Beverly needs a ride, Sherry is right there to lend a hand. "When I go in [to my appointments] she goes in with me and waits

for me. She's very attentive," praises Beverly, "We had both lost husbands, so that gave us something in common. She is very sweet, very accommodating, and willing to help. She is very good to me."

"It's great to be able to help people do what they can't do for themselves. It's good to give back," Sherry humbly responds, "Beverly is a very sweet woman." Though Sherry does the driving, caregiving between the two of them works both ways. Sherry and Beverly are there for each other with companionship and compassion in the tough times following loss. Through simple rides, calls and visits "I tell her she won't be alone," Sherry says. And there is no message sweeter than that. *Megan L. Anderson, Freelance Writer*

Your opportunity to do something!

- 84 yr. old retired minister requesting a man to visit weekly. Interests: boxing & fishing. Reads westerns & likes movies.
- Are you a Delco retiree? 96 yr. old Catholic woman near NW Plaza Kroger would like a weekly visitor. Enjoys games & reading.
- Have a dependable vehicle, valid driver's

license & proof of insurance? Drive ONLY now—April, to take aging older adults to medical appointments or to shop for groceries.

It's easy to sign up—
www.samaritancaregivers.org

765.453.7611

If not you, who?
If not now, when?

OFFICE NEEDS

- First class postage stamps
- Large Black Lawn & Leaf Bags
- Bottled Water
- Copy Paper
- Canned Air
- Toilet Tissue
- 1 ream of canary yellow paper