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Tips for Decreasing Costs Of Caring for Elderly Parents

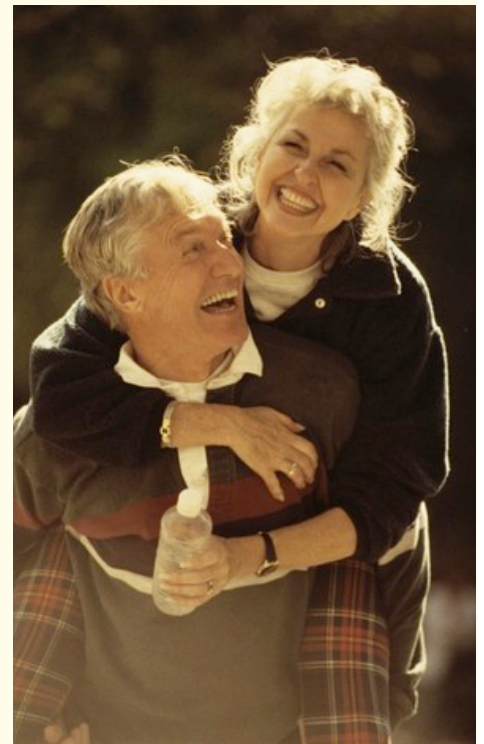
Over 30 million Baby Boomers provide countless hours of assistance to elderly parents at no charge. It is estimated that, using average hourly wages, the total amount of this uncompensated care is comparable to the entire Medicare budget. For the estimated 7 million Boomers who provide long distance care, actual out of pocket expenses amount to almost \$5,000 per month. For caregivers who have, or are considering leaving the workforce to care for an ailing parent, the costs are even greater – over \$650,000 in forfeited salaries, benefits and pensions.

This stark economic reality shows only one dimension of the price caregivers pay for this act of love.

Caregivers pay with losses that extend well beyond their bank accounts. They often forego the activities that bring joy and richness to their lives, like meeting friends for dinner, or going out to the movies or taking family vacations. They pay with their time, the loss of professional opportunities and the erosion of personal relationships that result in isolation.

Sometimes, otherwise healthy loved ones need a short dose of care as they recover from an acute medical episode like a broken leg. Usually loved ones are on a path of steady decline with cascading assistance needs. Some caregivers sacrifice large chunks of their own lives as they help their parents and other family members and friends peacefully make their transitions. Caregivers can pay with their own health and well-being. In fact, we have evidence that some caregivers pay for their acts of care with their very lives.

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SEMINARS/CLASSES/EVENTS/MEETINGS

SUNDAY

KENNEWICK: "Family Pancake Breakfast" the first Sunday of every month 8:30-11:30 am. A traditional home cooked breakfast served by volunteers! Also enjoy the sounds of Margie and Her SideKicks Band from 9:00-11:00 am. Pay at the door, Kennewick Senior Center, 500 S Auburn. (509) 585-4303. Sponsored by Kennewick Senior Center and The Manor At Canyon Lakes.

KENNEWICK: Free blood pressure test at the Kennewick Senior Center, 500 S. Auburn. A certified nurse from The Manor at Canyon Lakes is at the center from 9:00-10:00 am. No appointments required.

MOSES LAKE: "Diabetes Education" The group classes are held monthly the first and fourth Tuesday of every month. During the spring and summer they run from 4:00-6:00 pm. Each session is four weeks in length. One-on-one appointments are also held with our Diabetes Educator. Instructor team includes a certified diabetes educator and registered dietitian. Covered by most insurance plans, including Medicare and Medicaid. A diabetic education referral must be completed by your provider to take this class. Sponsored by Wenatchee Valley Medical Center. Call to register at (509) 765-5606

MONDAY

KENNEWICK: Develop a health habit with this free and friendly walking group. Get to know new people and rediscover Keewaydin Park and Downtown Kennewick. For those interested, we will walk on Monday and Wednesday mornings at 9:00 am. Free for anyone interested. For information call the Kennewick Senior Center at (509) 585-4303

PENDLETON, OREGON: "First Aid Class" First Monday of each month (unless holiday then Second Monday) 1:00-5:00 pm or 5:00-10:00 pm. Please call for further information. Certification cards are valid for two years. Registration in advance is required to ensure seat availability. Large group discounts are available. Held at St. Anthony Hospital, 1601 SE Court Ave. Pre-registration required. Contact Lori Weaver (541) 278-3233 Fee: \$35 Class + \$15 manual

RICHLAND: Free hearing screenings and hearing aid checks and cleanings the third Tuesday of each month from 10:00-11:00 pm in the wellness room at the Richland Community Center, 500 Amon Park Dr. The free tests are courtesy of Columbia Basin Hearing & Balance Center. To schedule an appointment call (509) 942-7529

YAKIMA: "Diabetes Screenings" 8:00-10:00 am on Tuesdays at Memorial Hospital's Community Education Center on 2506 Nob Hill Blvd in Yakima. No appointment necessary. For the most accurate results, do not eat or drink anything for 12 hours prior to the screening. Fee: \$5 (\$3 for Memorial Third Age members). For information and to register call (509) 249-5243

TUESDAY

CHELAN: "Diabetes Education". Held the third Tuesday of each month, 6:30 pm at Columbia Valley Community Health, 317 E Johnson. The group is being held in the classrooms. Various topics/specialties are covered based on availability. Sponsored by Wenatchee Valley Medical Center. For questions call Shelley Wold, RD (509) 682-6198

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YAKIMA: "Sure-Start Diabetes Education" Three hour introduction course Tuesdays 9:00 am-Noon or 1:00-4:00 pm at Memorial Hospital's Community Education Building, 2506 Nob Hill Blvd. Registration required. Call (509) 249-5243

WEDNESDAY

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KENNEWICK: "Casual Woodcarving" Have a love for woodcarving? Come meet with others that share the same passion. We have many figurines, ornaments and projects to choose from. Participants provide their own wood, tools, and supplies. Ongoing class at Kennewick Senior Center 1:00-3:00 pm. Fee: 50 cents. To register call (509) 585-4303

PENDLETON, OREGON: "CPR/AED Class" Every third Wednesday of the month. 1:00-5:00 pm or 6:00-10:00 pm. Our classes are all inclusive, Adult, Child and Infant CPR/AED. Certification cards valid for two years. Registration in advance is required to ensure seat availability. Large group discounts are available. Held at St. Anthony Hospital, 1601 SE Court Ave.

Pre-registration required. Contact Lori Weaver (541) 278-3233 Fee: \$35 Class + \$15 manual

RICHLAND: On the first Wednesday of each month, Healthy Ages, a program of Kadlec Medical Center, conducts a class devoted to sorting out Medicare questions. The class is tailored to meet the needs of those with retiree plans as their secondary insurance, and for those who need to find a Medigap or Medicare Advantage Plan. Class also includes information regarding Medicare Part D drug plans. 9:00 am-1:00 pm. and 1:00-3:00 pm. To register call Janet at Health Ages. (509) 942-2700

THURSDAY

KENNEWICK: "Free Tax Assistance" Each Thursday February 4 - April 15 from 12:30 pm-3:30 pm at the Kennewick Senior Center by appointment only. Call the center at (509) 585-4303 to schedule your appointment. Walk-ins accepted only if time and availability permits. Sponsored by AARP, IRS, Tax Aid and the Kennewick Senior Center.

RICHLAND: Free blood sugar and blood pressure testing on the third Thursday each month. A nurse from Richland Rehab & Eagle Assisted Living will be giving the free tests. The test takes just minutes and there is no need to fast prior to being tested. Blood sugar results are given immediately. No appointments are necessary. 1:00-1:30 pm.

CALENDAR

APRIL 6-KENNEWICK: "Basic Life Support and Heartsaver Instructor Course" 2:00-5:00 pm. This instructor course was developed according to guidelines of the American Heart Assn. for Basic Life Support and Heartsaver CPR Instructors. Upon completion, the participant will be credentialed to teach all Basic Life Support courses the American Heart Assn. sponsors. This course consists of a self study core instructor course and classroom instruction. Fee: \$275 (includes course materials) Renewal course Fee: \$60 (No materials) Sponsored by Kennewick General Hospital. To register call (509) 586-5119

APRIL 7-ELLENSBURG: "Self-Management Diabetes Classes" Jump-start your understanding of diabetes by joining a Kittias Valley Community Hospital Diabetes Self-Management Training Class. The 3-hour class has been designed for anyone living with diabetes or pre-diabetes and provides an introduction to the self-management of diabetes. Pre-registration and physician referral required. Family members are welcome and encouraged to accompany you. Insurance billing provided. For questions and to register call (509) 962-7373

APRIL 7-KENNEWICK: "Food For Life Nutrition and Cooking Series" Number four in a four-part nutrition and cooking class sponsored by The Cancer Project. This free class series is aimed at educating participants about ways to boost their immune system through healthy eating choices. Classes will feature information on how foods fight cancer, ways to incorporate more high-fiber, low fat food into your diet, alternatives to dairy and meat, and healthy dishes that include immune-enhancing nutrients and help maintain a healthy weight. Cooking demonstrations, educational videos and food tasting. Open to anyone interested in cancer prevention and health eating. 3:00-6:00 pm in



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the Wellness Center at the Tri-Cities Cancer Center located at 7350 W Deschutes Ave. Seating is limited. Please call (509) 737-3420 to reserve your seat.

APRIL 8-KENNEWICK: "Tour & Visit" 10:00 am-Noon. You are invited to come and see the newly remodeled Kennewick Senior Center. Enjoy light refreshments. Improvements include paint, restrooms, seating area, carpet, windows and more. Kennewick Senior Center at (509) 585-4303

APRIL 8-KENNEWICK: "Basic Life Support for the Healthcare Provider Renewal" The renewal course is offered for the healthcare providers that are current with BLS or about to expire. This is not recommended for those that have never taken a BLS for Healthcare Provider course. 12:00-2:00 pm. Fee: \$40. Sponsored by Kennewick General Hospital. To register call (509) 586-5119

APRIL 8-9-KENNEWICK: "Advanced Cardiac Life Support Initial" 2-Day course (Current BLS/HCP required.) Day 1: Starts at 2:00 pm and runs for 2-3 hours, includes Rhythm interpretation and review of ACLS Medications and Algorithms. Day 2:

8:30 am-4:30 pm. Fee: \$295 (Includes ACLS Manual and Handbook of Emergency Cardiovascular Care.) Sponsored by Kenewick General Hospital. To register call (509) 586-5119

APRIL 9-YAKIMA: "Take Charge Diabetes Education" 9:00 am-5:00 pm. Comprehensive education course for those who have already taken the Sure Start introductory course. Held at Memorial Hospital's Community Education Building, 2506 Nob Hill Blvd. Registration is required. Call (509) 249-5243

APRIL 10-CLE ELUM: "Free Document Shred Day at the Police Department" 9:00 am- 3:00 pm. Free to residents - no businesses please. Sponsored by RSVP of Kittitas County. (509) 962-4311

APRIL 10-KENNEWICK: "Open House" 10:00 am-Noon. Have you seen or heard about the new and improved look of the Kennewick Senior Center? We have new restrooms, new seating area, new hallway storage and new paint on the walls. Come see all our wonderful improvements. Light refreshments provided. (509) 585-4303

APRIL 13-WENATCHEE: "BLS For Healthcare Providers" This class will provide you with the skills and knowledge necessary to perform basic life support measures, both in and outside of a clinical setting. This is an online course with an in-person skills test. Recommended for healthcare providers, RNs, LPNs, CNAs. Sponsored by Central Washington Hospital, 1201 S Miller St, Room G-Gate House. Fee: \$60. For additional information call (509) 664-3475 or email: education@cwhs.com

APRIL 14-KENNEWICK: "Heartsaver First Aid" 4:00-7:00 pm. First Aid only. Fee: \$40.00 Sponsored by Kennewick General Hospital. To register call (509) 586-5119

APRIL 15-16-WENATCHEE: "ACLS Provider 2010" The American Heart Assn. ACLS Provider Course provides the knowledge and skills necessary to perform as a member of an advanced cardiac life support team based on American Heart Assn. standards. Registrants must be competent at identifying cardiac dysrhythmias, have solid knowledge of cardiac pharmacology, and be able to demonstrate one-rescuer BLS skills. Course fee includes ACLS Provider textbook and card. To be held at Wenatchee Convention Center, 121 N Wenatchee Ave., Gala Room. Fee: \$270. Sponsored by Central Washington Hospital, 1201 S Miller St. Fee: \$60. For additional information call (509) 664-3475 or email: education@cwhs.com

APRIL 15-16-KENNEWICK: "AARP Driver Safety Course" The nation's first and largest classroom refresher course for motorists age 50 and older. Washington State law requires that insurance companies offer a discount to course graduates. Pre-registration and payment required. Fee is \$12 for AARP members or \$14 at the Kennewick Senior Center. To register call (509) 585-4303



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APRIL 20-WENATCHEE: "BLS Renewal & Annual Clinical Skills Day" Annual Clinical Skills Day is designed to verify competency in specific hands-on skills. Topics include BLS update, WAIVE testing, Glucometer verification, and restraint release demonstration. Updates and skills will be offered three times each day. Fee: \$25. Sponsored by Central Washington Hospital, 1201 S Miller St, Room G-Gate House. Fee: \$60. For additional information call (509) 664-3475 or email: education@cwhs.com

APRIL 21-ELLENSBURG: "Eye Care and Diabetes" The Kittitas Valley Community Hospital Education and Support Group provides continuous educational support to help individuals manage their disease more effectively. The group's monthly meetings offer the latest information on diabetes self-care, nutrition, and an opportunity to talk to others living with diabetes. To register please call (509) 962-7433

APRIL 22-WENATCHEE: "ABC's of Cardiac Medications" 8:00-10:00 am. This course will cover the use of oral cardiac medications, mechanism of action, signs and symptoms of complications, and key patient education points. Fee: \$40.00. Sponsored by Central Washington Hospital, 1201 S Miller St., Room C Fee: \$60. For additional information call (509) 664-3475 or email: education@cwhs.com

APRIL 22-KENNEWICK: "Heartsaver CPR for the Layperson" This course is offered to those individuals requiring a credential (a card) documenting successful completion of a CPR course that provides instruction on adult, child and infant CPR as well

as training in the use of adult and child AED. 6:00-9:00 pm. Fee: \$35. Sponsored by Kennewick General Hospital. To register call (509) 586-5119

APRIL 24-ELLENSBURG: "Free Document Shred Day at Super 1 Foods Parking Lot" 9:00 am-3:00 pm. Free to residents - no businesses please. Sponsored by RSVP of Kittitas County.

APRIL 24-KENNEWICK: "Makin' Bank Kids Yard Sale" Granparents, do your grandkids have too many toys? Is it time to downsize? Box up toys, stuffed animals, books, sporting equipment, etc. and bring them to the Kennewick Senior Center for the 1st Annual Makin' Bank Kid's Yard Sale. 10:00 am-1:00 pm. Only \$15 per table to sell and it is free to shop! Suggested ages are 5-18 years and must be accompanied by an adult! Register by calling the Recreation Office at (509) 585-4293 or the Kennewick Senior Center at (509) 585-4303. Advanced registration and payment required.

APRIL 24-MOSES LAKE: "First Aid & CPR" 8:00 am-Noon. Samaritan Healthcare offers First Aid & CPR classes that meet L&I requirements for day care providers, foster care providers, and other job-required card holders. Sponsored by Samaritan Healthcare, 801 E Wheeler Rd. Fee: \$40. To register by phone or for more information please contact the Education Center at (509) 793-9690

APRIL 26-WENTACHEE: "ACLS Provider Renewal 2010" The American Heart Assn provides the knowledge and skills necessary to perform as a member of an advanced cardiac

life support team based on American Heart Assn. standards. Registrants must present a current ACLS provider card (90 day grace period accepted following expiration date) and be competent at identifying cardiac dysrhythmias, have solid knowledge of cardiac pharmacology and be able to demonstrate one-rescuer BLS skills. Sponsored by Central Washington Hospital, 1201 S Miller St. To be held at Wenatchee Convention Center 121 N Wenatchee Ave. Fee: \$200. For additional information call (509) 664-3475 or email: education@cwhs.com

APRIL 27-ELLENSBURG: "Volunteer Appreciation Drop In" 4:00-6:00 pm. Spaghetti Dinner to honor volunteers 50 and older who serve with RSVP, KVC Hospital, Adult Activity Center and Royal Vista. Registered volunteers should call (509) 962-7472 to reply to their invitations. For additional information call Carol Findley, RSVP Director Kittitas County. (509) 962-4311

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APRIL 28-WENATCHEE: "Diabetes: Best Practice" 8:00-10:00 am. This class will provide evidence-based information that participants can integrate into best practice



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for inpatient glycemic control. Quality improvement tools will be introduced for the care of diabetic and hyperglycemic patients as well as the rational behind their use. Sponsored by Central Washington Hospital, 1201 S Miller St, Room G-Gate House. Fee: \$40. For additional information call (509) 664-3475 or email: education@cwhs.com

APRIL 29-KENNEWICK: "Basic Life Support for the Healthcare Provider Renewal" The renewal course is offered for the healthcare providers that are current with BLS or about to expire. This is not recommended for those that have never taken a BLS for Healthcare Provider course. 12:00-2:00 pm. Fee: \$40. Sponsored by Kennewick General Hospital. To register call (509) 586-5119

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MAY 12-KENNEWICK: "Heartsaver First Aid" 4:00-7:00 pm. First Aid only. Fee: \$40.00 Sponsored by Kennewick General Hospital. To register call (509) 586-5119

MAY 12-MOSES LAKE: "ACLS Renewal Course" 8:00-4:30 pm This class is intended for current Advanced Cardiac Life Support card holders (card cannot be expired) who are comfortable with thier skills. To register by phone or for more informaiton contact Martha Wong at (509) 793-9691. Sponsored by Smaritan Healthcare, 801 E Wheeler Rd.

MAY 13-KENNEWICK: "17th Annual High Tea Social" 1:30-3:00 pm. Come dressed in your finest attire and partake in a variety of delicious delicacies, delectable desserts and other mouth watering goodies sure to delight your taste buds. Plus sip tea until your heart's content while watching entertainment and enjoying the ambience of an old tradition. Register by calling the Kennewick Senior Center (509) 585-4303

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MAY 21-RICHLAND: "10th Annual Multi-Cultural Fair for Seniors and Their Families!" 11:00 am-2:00 pm at Bethel Church, 600 Shockley Rd. Free admission, free refreshments, free entertainment, door prizes! Lots of information on senior services, singers, dancers, musicians and more. For information call Laurie Ruzicka (509) 946-2717

MAY 25-MOSES LAKE: "Healthcare Provider CPR Renewal" 7:30-9:30 am. For those that have previously taken Healthcare Provider CPR and are comfortable with their skills. This course is intended for healthcare providers and allied professionals such as physicians, nurses, nursing or medical assistants, etc. Sponsored by Samaritan Healthcare, 801 E Wheeler Rd. Fee: \$40. To register by phone or for more information please contact the Education Center at (509) 793-9690

MAY 26-ELLENSBURG: "Diabetes and Wellness Fair" 10:00 am-4:00 pm at the fairgrounds. For information contact Pam Dick, Kittitas Valley Community Hospital. (509) 933-8647. email: pdick@kvch.com

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JUNE 5-MOSES LAKE: "HIV/ Bloodborne Pathogens Training" 2 Hour 8:00 am, 4 & 7 Hour-8:30 am. Training programs satisfy Washington State DOH requirements for job-related training. We offer 2, 4 and 7-hour training programs to meet the needs of your job. Sponsored by Smaritan Healthcare, 801 E Wheeler Rd. Fee: \$40. To register by phone or for more information please contact the Education Center at (509) 793-9690

JUNE 9-MOSES LAKE: "Healthcare Provider CPR Renewal" 3:00-5:00 pm. For those that have previously taken Healthcare Provider CPR and are comfortable with their skills. This course is intended for healthcare providers and allied professionals, such as physicians, nurses, nursing or medical assistants, physical and occupational therapists, etc. Sponsored by Smaritan Healthcare, 801 E Wheeler Rd. Fee: \$40. To register by phone or for more information please contact the Education Center at (509) 793-9690

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release demonstration. Updates and skills will be offered three times each day. Fee: \$25. Sponsored by Central Washington Hospital, 1201 S Miller St, Room G-Gate House. Fee: \$60. For additional information call (509) 664-3475 or email: education@cwhs.com

JUNE 18-KENNEWICK: "Three Rivers Senior Life Show" 10:00 am-4:00 pm at Three Rivers Convention Center, 7016 W Grandridge Blvd. For information call (509) 737-3705.

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COLLEGE PLACE

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT

GROUP: Do you have a loved one with Alzheimer's Disease or related dementia? Whether you are a caregiver, family member, or close friend, this disease is hard to understand and even harder to accept. It can make a world of difference knowing that other people understand the struggles you go through every day...you are not alone! You are invited to attend our group the third Thursday of each month at 10:00 am in our Ice Cream Parlor at Eagle Springs Memory Care Community, 20 SE Larch Ave. Contact: (509) 525-6335

ELLENSBURG

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT:

Conducted by Hospice Friends (509) 962-7379

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT: Kittitas Valley Community Hospital offers compassionate guidance and support for those grieving after the loss of a loved one. Please call the Hospice Department to make an appointment. (509) 962-7438

CANCER SURVIVOR SUPPORT

GROUP: Guest speakers discuss cancer prevention, detection and treatment, as well as cancer research and the results of clinical trials. Second Monday of the month at Kittitas Valley Community Hospital Conference Rooms A & B. Contact Karen Schock (509) 962-2844

SUPPORT GROUPS (continued)

DIABETIES SUPPORT GROUP:

Meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at Kittitas Valley Community Hospital, 103 S Chestnut. Contact: Mary Jo Morrissey and Judy Heesacker (509) 962-7374

SHIBA HELPLINE FOR KITTITAS COUNTY:

Statewide Health Insurance Benefits Advisors. Volunteers trained by the Wash. State Office of the Insurance Commissioner to help people of all ages with health insurance related concerns and questions. Free, confidential and unbiased information. New volunteers are always welcome to be trained to serve in Kittitas County. Sponsored by RSVP of Kittitas County. (509) 962-4311

KENNEWICK

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP:

Third Thursday of each month. (Light meals served) 5:30-7:00 pm at Callaway Gardens. Men only Support Group 4th Monday of the Month 12:30 pm. Lunch provided. Both are held at 5505 W Skagit Ct in Kennewick. Sponsored by The Neurological Resource Center. To confirm times call (509) 783-5433

BETTER BREATHERS SUPPORT GROUP:

This group is for people who have breathing disorders. Education focuses on improved quality of life. Family members are encouraged to attend. 2nd Thursday of each month from 10:30-Noon at Tri-Cities Cancer Center. Contact: (509) 737-3418. www.tccancer.org

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP:

First and 3rd Friday of each month from 9:00-11:00 am and Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8:00 pm at Tri-Cities Cancer Center. Contact: (509) 737-3418 or visit www.tccancer.org

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP:

Provides continuous educational

support to help individuals manage their disease more effectively. Monthly meetings offer the latest information on diabetes self-care, nutrition and an opportunity to talk to others with diabetes. For information call (509) 962-7373

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP:

Third Monday of each month at Manor at Canyon Lakes, East Wing, 2802 W 35th at 2:00 pm. Sponsored by The Neurological Resource Center. To confirm times call (509) 943-8455

GENERAL CANCER SUPPORT GROUP:

2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at Tri-Cities Cancer Center from 3:00-4:30 pm. Contact: (509) 737-3418 or visit www.tccancer.org

MEN'S CANCER SUPPORT GROUP:

The primary focus of this group is on prostate cancer, however, men with all types of cancer are welcome. Third Thursday of each month at Tri-Cities Cancer Center from 6:30-8:00 pm. Contact: (509) 737-3418 or visit www.tccancer.org

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"CAN SURVIVE" SUPPORT GROUP:

This group focuses on all kinds of cancer and is for patients, family and caregivers. First and Third Thursday of each month 12:00-1:00 pm. Meets at Cathedral of Joy, 1153 Gage Blvd.. For information call (509) 627-1109

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP:

A free community diabetes education program facilitated by the Diabetes Learning Center staff of Kadlec Medical Center. Topics include a broad range of interest areas to the diagnosed diabetic individual and support person/care partner interested in learning more about the management of this chronic disease. The group meets every 3rd Wednesday of every month from 5:00-6:00 pm. To make a reservation and get location information call (509) 942-2620

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SUPPORT GROUP:

First Tuesday of each month. Co-sponsored by the MS Society and The Neurological Resource Center. 2:00 pm at 712 Swift Blvd., Suite 1. Contact 29509 943-8455 to confirm time.

NEUROLOGICAL SUPPORT GROUPS:

The Neurological Resource Center associated with Kadlec Medical Center provides emotional support, education, information and referrals for people with neurological disorders, their families, caregivers, and the community. It sponsors a variety of support groups including Alzheimer's. A lending library is also available. They are located at 712 Swift Blvd., Suite 1. For information call (509) 943-8455 or e-mail tnrc@kadlemed.org

STROKE SUPPORT GROUP:

third Wednesday of each month, 2:00-3:00 pm at The Neurological Resource Center, 712 Swift Blvd., Suite 1. Call to confirm times

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP:

Third Tuesday of each month at The Neurological Resource Center, 712 Swift Blvd., Suite 1. To confirm times call (509) 943-8455

DIABETIES SUPPORT GROUP:

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WALLA WALLA

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP:

Meets second and fourth Tuesday each month at 1:30 pm. Professionally led support group for caregivers of people with Alzheimer's. Sponsored by

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sonal and economic costs of caregiving. This means proactive planning rather than reactive responding. Planning saves money. You know this as you reflect upon your experiences of going to the grocery store with and without a shopping list. Planning also minimizes personal wear and tear and decreases stress. You will feel much better when you know your options and develop back-up plans before you jump into a challenging project.

5 Tips to Decrease the Cost of Caregiving:

1. Begin the conversation today. We have tremendous cultural resistance to the recognition of aging, disability and death. Just as the first few steps uphill are the hardest, so, too, you may meet the greatest resistance simply starting the conversation about their possible need for care. Say today, "Mom and Dad, it would be great if you lived forever, but the discovery for the fountain of youth is nowhere on the horizon. What thoughts and plans do you have about enjoying your golden years?"

2. Create a plan. Talk with your parents about their ideal plan if they are no longer able to care for themselves. Then, start to work toward that proactively. Investigate long-term care insurance. Draw up the appropriate legal documents. Find out who would make medical choices if they were not able to make them on their own, along with some guiding principles for the choices. You can anticipate and limit parental resistance by saying, "Mom and Dad, I just got back from the lawyer's office signing my will and durable medical power of attorney. I've asked Mitch to make my medical choices if I cannot make them myself. Just so you know, if I were in vegetative state, I wouldn't want to be maintained on a machine. You probably already planned ahead too, right?"

3. Use personal and community resources. Make caregiving a family job to which each member contributes. Even children can make grandma's life special with drawings and phone calls. Identify services that make your job as a caregiver easier. If you and your parents live in the same community, check with friends and neighbors and local organizations to learn about services and resources that will make your job easier. You say, "Mom has just moved in with us, and she wants to 'find a card game with the girls.' Do you know of any senior centers that have social events? How about transportation?"

4. Gather cost-savings tips. This might mean something as simple as ordering generic medication or regularly inquiring about senior discounts. But, most cost savings opportunities aren't as obvious. Some states will pay for phones for hearing, visually or mobility limited seniors or fund home safety improvements. It takes time to locate money saving resources that most would have difficulty finding. It is a good idea to talk with friends or associates who may have encountered the same experiences with their parents. Tap into the resources others have collected.

5. Take care of yourself. You will be able to provide the best care as a caregiver when you're at your best. Get good nutrition, enough sleep and regular exercise. Manage your stress and do a little something every day to nurture your soul. Understand that you are at increased risk for anxiety, depression, and weakening your immune system. Talk to your doctor if you see worrisome signs such as problems sleeping, changes in appetite or loss of interest in activities you enjoy.

Despite the costs and time, most caregivers say that they received much more than they gave. Most say they would do it again, and many do.

Sometimes the question is not the personal cost of caregiving; it's the value that you bring to the lives of others that matter at the end. What personal cost are you willing to pay for the privilege of helping those who welcomed you into the world to enjoy their golden years and travel the road of illness with love and dignity?

SUPPORT GROUPS (continued)

Walla Walla General Hospital
Free. To register call (509) 522-2424

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: March 26-Ma 28, 6:00-7:30 pm , Walla Walla Community Hospice, 1067 E Isaacs, (509) 525-5561. info@wwhospice.org

MS SUPPORT GROUP: Second Tuesday of each month at 11:00 am at Trinity Lutheran Church, 109 S Roosevelt St. Contact: Candy S (509) 527-3340 or Gail S. (509) 529-7699

WENATCHEE

MS SUPPORT GROUP: Second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm at Wenatchee Valley Medical Center, Conference Room. Contact: Jessica J. (509) 669-4067

YAKIMA

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP: Alzheimer's Association Dementia Support Group meets on the second Thursday of the month at 3:30 pm. Located at Living Care, 215 N 40th Ave in the activity center.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: Meets at Memorial Home Care office (1019 S 40th Ave) from 5:30-6:30 pm on the first and third Monday of each month. For information call (509) 574-3600

CARDIAC PATIENT SUPPORT: Meets on the first Wednesday of each month from 12:00-1:00 pm at 16th Avenue Station (1470 N 16th Ave) For specific dates and times call (509) 574-3300, ext 3022

DIABETES DIALOG SUPPORT

GROUPS: Participants take opportunity to share common concerns. Screenings the second and fourth Tuesday of month in Diabetes and Wound Care in Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital basement. For information and to register call (509) 249-5243

MEMORY CARE SUPPORT GROUP: Held every third Thursday at 6:30-8:30 pm at Highgate Senior Living, 5605 W Chestnut Ave. (509) 972-4141 Fee: Free

VACANCIES

HERMISTON

PRIVATE APARTMENTS WITH KITCHENETTES close to services, parks and shopping. *Hermiston Terrace* is a community designed for senior adults who may need some assistance with personal care to complement their independent lifestyle. For a tour and/or information visit 980 West Highland Ave or call (541) 567-3141

COMFORTABLE UNITS: Openings now available in Hermiston's only complete nursing and rehabilitation center. Lovely units feature 24-hour nursing care, three meals per day, planned activities, therapy and assistance with daily living. Contact Curt Noyes at *Regency Hermiston Nursing and Rehabilitation*, (541-567-8337

BEAUTIFUL TWO-BEDROOM apartment is now available for rent at *Sun Terrace Assisted Living*. Call Robyn for a tour of this wonderful assisted living community! (5641) 564-2595

KENNEWICK

SUBSIDIZED HOUSING-

KENNEWICK: 1-bdrm, utilities included near shopping & senior center. *Desert Villa*, 635 S Auburn, Kennewick. 509-586-4927

NEW SENIOR APARTMENTS:

Edison Terrace West, 520 N Edison. One-Bedroom Independent Living Apartments for Seniors 62+, HUD subsidized, rent based on Income. Building has elevator plus other amenities. For a tour contact: Jacque (509) 736-0800

INCOME QUALIFIED APARTMENTS-

TRI-CITIES: Studio and one-bedrooms if one person does not make over \$21,650 and two people \$24,650. Come in and apply. The *Manor at Canyon Lakes* has some apartments for Qualified Seniors available. For an appointment call 509-586-5633

PENDLETON

BEAUTIFUL APARTMENTS FOR SENIORS OVER 62. 50-Unit complex on one level featuring studio and one-bedroom apartments. All units furnished with stove, refrigerator and air conditioner. All utilities included. HUD subsidized. Contact Penny Wicklander at *Oregon Trail Manor*, 2430 SW Perkins Ave. or call (541) 276-6910

STUDIO AND ONE BEDROOM

apartments featuring retirement living. Each apartment features an individual climate control system, wall-to-wall carpeting, private bathroom and kitchenette plus many other amenities. For a brochure or tour call *Sun Ridge Retirement Community*, 3294 SW Nye or call (541) 276-2145



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RICHLAND

PRIVATE STUDIO APARTMENTS-RICHLAND: Two private studio apartments available at *Eagle Assisted Living* offering many amenities and 24 hour staffing. Call Laurie at 509-946-2717

TWO STUDIO APARTMENTS AVAILABLE: *Quail Hollow Alzheimer's/Dementia Facility* has 24 hour staffing, quality meals, nursing oversight and a phenomenal activity program that brings quality of life to those who live here. Contact: Phyllis Green (509) 943-5353 for more information.

ONE & TWO BEDROOM UNITS: Schedule a personal tour of *Wynwood of Columbia Edgewater* to view our special assisted living facility. We now have several units available. Contact: Christina Renz (509) 946-4600 crenz@brookdaleliving.com

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ONE & TWO BEDROOM UNITS in perfect rural setting in two different but connecting facilities. *Mike Foye Apartments* are connected to the *Garden Court Apartments* by a second floor walkway. Catholic Housing Communities manages, preserves, and maintains these affordable rentals for lower-income seniors and persons with mobility impairments. Communities are staffed with property managers, maintenance, social service coordinators and part-time nurses. Mike Foye offers HUD Project-based Section 8 subsidized units. Each apartment is equipped with a complete kitchen, wall to wall carpet, window coverings and air conditioning. Contact: (509) 529-4706

DELUXE 2-BEDROOM COTTAGE available now at *Park Plaza*, 1400 Dalles Military Rd. Contact: 509) 525-6513

DELUXE 1-BEDROOM Apartment available in Walla Walla. Now available at *Quail Run Retirement Community*, stop by for a complimentary lunch and tour. Contact: Kathleen or Jane at 509-529-2180

ONE BEDROOM APARTMENT: Now available at *Wheatland Village*. Stop by for a complimentary tour and meal in our restaurant. Voted Best of the Best, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, by readers of the Walla Walla Union Bulletin. Contact: Mary Wollmuth Marketing Director at 888-373-6046 or visit www.wheatlandvillage.com

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COMPLIMENTARY LUNCH: *Crescent Place Retirement Apartments* 505 N 40th invite you to stop by for a tour and enjoy a complimentary lunch. Contact: Linda Weiler, Manager. 509-833-8414. One-bedroom now available.

1 & 2 BEDROOM SUITES: *Rexford Manor* (Park Meadows) has openings. Ground floor patio suites available; full kitchen, washer & dryer in every suite. Call for a tour and complimentary lunch. 1010 N 34th Ave. Contact: Colleen Collins, (509) 248-7768 or e-mail: colleenjim1@msn.com

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

BENTON CITY

Lower Valley Hospice is opening its second thrift store in Benton City, following in the footsteps of their Prosser shop. The shops are volunteer-operated and clothing donated, proceeds go to extend hospice care, bereavement counseling and in-home care for children with complex medical conditions. Store number is (509) 588-3930. To volunteer call 1-800-474-6008 and ask for Jennifer.

ELLENSBURG

Kittitas Valley Community Hospital Volunteer Department Patient Assistance Program. A program for uninsured and low income patients. Located in the KVCH Community Health Library, 603 S Chestnut. Monday & Wednesday 1:00-3:00 pm, Friday 1:00-2:00 pm. Contact (509) 933-7565

The *Ellensburg Meals on Wheels* program is looking for a regular volunteer to deliver meals on Tuesday and Thursdays from 11:00 am to Noon in the Ellensburg area. If interested call Audrey Lyman at (509) 933-3333 or (509) 929-0692

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Kittitas County – RSVP. Engaging volunteers 55 and older in community service. 707 N Pearl St., Suite 1. (509) 962-4311. www.rsvp-wa.org

RICHLAND

Anyone over the age of 18 can volunteer at *Kadlec Medical Center*. You can become a member of the Auxiliary or work under the direction of the Volunteer Coordinator and Unit Managers in specific areas, including education and rehabilitation. All volunteers undergo orientation and take a TB test before they begin service. For information contact Meg Fallows, volunteer coordinator at (509) 946-4611, Ext. 4666

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED (continued)

Kadlec's Music Program is another way to volunteer at the Medical Center. Over 20 musical volunteers play a baby grand piano in the main lobby or walk the halls laying their instruments. The musicians range from age 10 to over 70. Volunteers provide music throughout the week which can be heard not only in the Lobby, but also in the Critical Care Waiting Area. For information call Meg Fallows, Volunteer coordinator at (509) 946-4611, Ex. 4666

KENNEWICK

The *Senior Companion Program*, a non-profit Federal program sponsored by Catholic Family & Child Services, is seeking a few committed volunteers. If you like visiting and helping your elderly neighbor and you are 60 years of age or older, you might be eligible to become a Senior Companion. Volunteers are needed to provide transportation, weekly visits, a caring heart and listening ears. Qualified volunteers may receive a tax free stipend and reimbursement of expenses. Background checks are required and training is provided. Volunteers are needed in Benton, Franklin and Walla Walla Counties. Call Diane Hart or Carole Bowles at (509) 545-6145 for more information.

UNION GAP

Union Gap Senior Center needs kitchen aide and bingo caller volunteers. Kitchen Aide responsibilities include helping to make lunches, serve lunches and help; with kitchen cleanup. Volunteers needed Mondays and Fridays to help relieve regular volunteers. Contact Sirena at (509) 574-1933

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The *Volunteer Connection* is the community resource center for volunteers and a coordination center for community agencies and organizations that need volunteers. They have the ability to offer training

and technical support to non-profit agencies on the issues and needs that they have. The Volunteer Connection helps match needs and opportunities with the skills and talents of volunteers. To find out more call (509) 527-3775

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Walla Walla Community Hospice is looking for volunteers. If you are interested contact Cathy Mehn, cathy@wwhospice.org or call (509) 525-5561

WENATCHEE

Central Washington Hospital has many volunteer opportunities in the Hospital, Gift Shop, Guild House reception desk, Assist the chaplain with patients' spiritual needs, Hospice Volunteers visiting end of life patients in-home or nursing home, or Mended Hearts program visiting patients recovering from heart procedures. To pick up your application the Volunteer Services office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am-4:30pm or call (509) 662-1511 ext. 2663.

If you are interested in our Logo Sponsor program for your **Hot Sheet** listings. Please Call Dale at 509 979-6882

YAKIMA

Harman Center, 101 N 65th, needs volunteers in their Health Care room where they provide foot care services. Duties include receptionists and volunteers to change water. Contact: Traci Bennett at (509) 576-6348. Other volunteer jobs include kitchen help, coffee bar, greeters, and computer room. Most shifts are three to four hours Monday-Saturday. Please contact Volunteer Coordinator Jane Davis. (509) 575-6230

RSVP of Yakima County is looking for a diverse group of individuals to serve as volunteer community educators. This group of volunteers will present to professional and community groups on the topic of senior fall prevention. If you are concerned about the health of older adults in our community and the ability of seniors to age in their own homes, then this is a great opportunity to help the fastest growing segment of our population. For more information contact Sirena (509) 574-1933

Central Washington Disability Resources is looking for reading and mathematics tutors to work with adults with significant learning disabilities. Tutors will help YVCC students with disabilities study for their GED exam and comprehend basic skills classes in math and reading. Contact: Patty Jordan, (509) 962-9620 or email patty@mycwdr.org

Foster Grandparent Program: Volunteers spend time helping struggling youth. They're a model, mentor and a friend. Serving at one of many local organizations, including faith-based groups, Head Start Centers, schools and other youth facilities. They help children learn to read, provide tutoring, love, comfort and guide kids. Must be at least 55 years old and willing to serve 20 hours per week. For more information please call Megan Turner at (509) 965-7100

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED (continued)

The *Foster Grandparent Program of Yakima and Kittitas Counties* needs volunteers willing to assist youth (infant-18 years of age) in their community. Our volunteers choose which site and age group they would like to serve. Activities depend on the site and age group they choose. All volunteers work one-on-one or in small groups with the youth who need the most assistance. All potential volunteers must be at least 60 years of age and pass a physical wellness exam. They also need to complete a volunteer application and have a criminal background check done before volunteering. For more information please contact Megan Turner/RSVP of Yakima county (509) 965-7100, 1-800-246-2962 or mturner@cfcsyakima.org

Gleaning Volunteers Needed! Harvest Against Hunger and Northwest Harvest of Yakima are looking to increase the amounts of local produce for the food banks in our area by having volunteers gathering fruit left in orchards/fields after harvest (gleaning). Farmers and growers throughout the valley are generously offering gleaning opportunities. Please consider whether you or your group might be interested in becoming a part of this project. Contact Jacklyn King or Lisa Hall at (509) 6956

Make-A-Wish Foundation of Alaska, Montana, Northern Idaho and Washington grants wishes to children between the ages of 2-1/2-18 who have life threatening medical conditions. Volunteers play a vitally important role in the delivery of wishes to eligible children. There are a variety of volunteer opportunities available. For more information contact www.northwestwishes.org. To sign-up and receive application materials email Volunteer Manager Jeni Miller at volunteer@northwestwishes.org

Sun Terrace Assisted Living in Hermiston, Oregon would love to speak to you if you are interested in volunteering your time with the wonderful people who live in our community. Please contact Robyn at (541) 567-8424

Wellness House is in need of both scheduled and on-call receptionist volunteers. Volunteers would answer phones, greet clients, telephone group members and be willing to assist with other tasks as needed. Computer skills would be a plus. Hours needed are Thursdays from 10:00 am-1:00 pm Training will be provided. Contact Lydia Warehime (509) 248-2668

Yakima Seventh Day Adventist Food Bank is in need of drivers to pick up food donations at already established food sites. Drivers are needed Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and every other Sundays at approx 8:00 am. Must have a valid driver's license and insurance. Gas reimbursed Contact Sirena (509) 574-1933

The Respite Adult Day Center is looking for enthusiastic, caring, responsible individuals to be volunteer program aides. Volunteers would provide one-on-one assistance with elderly clients who have moderate cognitive or physical deficits. Volunteers will assist with serving snacks, serving lunch, exercises, walks, games, crafts, music, dancing and sharing hobbies. Training will be provided. Volunteers are needed Tuesdays or Thursdays 10:00-2:00 pm. For more information on this opportunity contact Sirena (509) 574-1933, RSVP of Yakima County

The Senior Companion Program is in need of low-income elders age 60 and older to provide loving care and support to other seniors who are

isolated in their living setting in all parts of the Yakima Valley. Volunteers will need to undergo a background check as well as numerous hours of pre-service training. Qualified volunteers receive a stipend, mileage and meal reimbursements and insurance. Interested individuals are asked to call Jael Torres, Area Coordinator at (509) 965-7100 for more information.

Volunteer Chore Services is looking for volunteers to help provide basic in-home assistance to low-income elders and adults with disabilities to enable them to continue living safely, independently and with dignity in their own homes. Volunteers help build wheelchair ramps, provide transportation to doctor's appointments, grocery shopping and other such errands and also to provide light housekeeping. Volunteers must complete a background check. Contact: Sirena at (509) 574-1933

SHIBA (Statewide Health Insurance Benefit Advisors) is looking for volunteers to educate consumers about their rights and options regarding prescription drug access, health insurance and access to health care, so they can make informed decisions. Hours are flexible and can be done from home. Volunteers should be interested in helping people; doing some public presentations; have basic computer skills; be interested in health care; have patience, compassion and enjoys a challenge. Training will be provided. For more information call Donna (509) 574-1934

Volunteer Tutors Needed: The Southeast Community Center Tutoring Program is currently seeking adult volunteer tutors for youth in grades K-12. Tutors will provide homework assistance and basic tutorials. Training is provided. The Tutoring Program is open from 3:00-5:00

**VOLUNTEERS
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Yakima Neighborhood Health Services is looking for volunteers for their "Reach Out and Read" program. Volunteers will promote earl childhood development through literacy and demonstrate to parents how to read to their children. Volunteers can work anytime Monday-Friday 8:00am-6:00pm For information contact Sirena (509) 574-1933

Yakima Valley Partners Habitat for Humanity is looking for volunteers to do general office duties such as filing and answering phones once a week. All potential volunteers need to have a background check. For more infomration please contact Sirena Phillips, RSVP of Yakima County, (509) 574-1933



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