

THE INTERFAITH HEALTH NETWORK
OF
SCHUYLKILL COUNTY
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WHO CAN I TURN TO? PART 3

What is Volunteer Home Care?

- Volunteer Home Care (VHC) is an interfaith outreach ministry of service to others through God's love.
- VHC is a partnership between congregations and Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries.
- VHC is part of the human service system so folks who need a helping hand can make the connection.

What does Volunteer Home Care do?

- VHC provides a friendly visitor to someone who is alone and needs companionship.
- VHC assists with grocery shopping each month to help someone maintain their independence.
- VHC serves numerous people each year through transportation to therapies and medical appointments.
- VHC can assist with several other non-medical services.

Client Services

Services are designed to be short term or intermittent. Help is strictly non-medical in nature. Volunteers are not permitted to perform home health tasks such as feeding, lifting, dressing, or giving medications.

- VHC works best by being a part of a support or care plan, which may also include church members, family, friends, neighbors, and/or other human services.
- Volunteer assistance may be available to persons of any age at no cost. Services may include: companion/visitor, transportation, errands, light household chores, outside chores, minor repairs, and telephone reassurance, meal preparation

How Can You Help Volunteer Home Care?

- You may help by volunteering.....even if only one hour per month. Your help is needed.
- You may help by letting friends and neighbors know that help is only a phone call away.
- You may help by making a financial contribution to benefit your local team.

Volunteers

- Through VHC, volunteers are recruited within local congregations and communities of various faiths to lend a helping hand in times of need.
- VHC volunteers receive orientation, excess liability insurance, and are eligible for mileage reimbursement.

Additional training is provided as needed.

To volunteer or request services please contact the Volunteer Home Care office for the name and telephone number of your local team's staff coordinator

1-800-621-6325 or 570-624-3014