Companion Services

What is Companion Services?

Companion Services is a small group of people who are here to help you in more ways than could be listed on paper! In fact, it's easier to tell you what we cannot do.

Companions cannot do anything that requires a medical certificate. For example:

- We cannot touch your medication, though we can hand you your pill reminder and open the appropriate day's lid.
- We cannot change wound dressings.
- We cannot provide transportation to or from the Emergency Room.

Other Limitations

We are a small group of people, who work by appointment only, so we are not on site at all times. It is best to give at least 24 hours' notice to ensure your need can be met. We understand that situations will arise on short notice, and in those events, we will do everything we can to meet your needs, but we can schedule as early as a year in advance, so do not hesitate to call as soon as you know you have a need. Transportation is prioritized on a combination of first come, first serve and medical need basis. There are two cars used for companion services, as well as having access to the shuttle on Mondays and Fridays which is wheelchair accessible and can take additional family members.

What can Companion Services do for me?

Companions are here to be your helpers and friends. We can help you unpack boxes and organize furnishings. We can help you tackle that stack of papers or ironing that has been piling up on you. We can help you clean out that closet and take the things you don't want to Goodwill. We can walk your dog and take care of your pets while you're away. We can help you plan, plant and maintain your flower garden. We can take you to the store or go for you. We can take you to the doctor and wait or attend your appointment and take notes for you. We can take you to or from the airport. We can prepare simple meals for you, change your bed linens, or help with cleaning projects you've been wanting to get to. We can go for a walk with you or work out with you in the fitness center. We help put up and take down Christmas decorations and lights. Does it feel like this list could go on for a very long time and include just about anything? Now you're starting to understand Companion Services!

Scheduling a Companion

If you're interested in trying Companion Services, or just want to know more about it, call Melinda Hornsby at extension 5650 or email at mhornsby@willow-brook.org.



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