

## Thank You Notes from Our Full-Service Members

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2/2018

Thank you Bebe for doing such a wonderful job. I'm sure we all appreciate your caring effort.

Marsha

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3/2018

Without the Village, I do not know what I would do. The volunteers have been so good to me. It has been like a prayer answered. They have saved my sanity.

Marie

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4/2018

I just want to thank TVIH volunteer drivers, Chuck and Jim, from the bottom of my heart for the generous spirit you have shown in giving me rides to medical appointments. I don't know what I would have done on all those occasions were it not for your kindness.

I hope your kindness will be rewarded 10-fold.

Catherine

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3/2018

To the Volunteers of The Village in Howard:

I want the volunteers of The Village in Howard to know how much I appreciate their help. It is nice to know I can depend on someone for a ride when needed. Also, the help around the house. I have met so many nice people in the Village. I am looking forward to 2018 and all the many events the village offers.

Thank All of You!!

Marguerite

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4/2018

The TVIH Circle of Care serves for short-term help after an event such as an accident or surgery, not intended for long-term chronic debilitation. It turned out, Mark had both. The Village was a steadfast ally as we sought support from all quarters. We were befriended as a couple, supported through his illness, and the relationships we formed are still there for me.

We joined to grow our community and found daily nurturing. We entered into full membership when I found Mark could benefit in the course of his chronic illness. Who knew; who knew when? It turns out that we made new friends when it counted. We found offers, commitments, support and love. Mark had friends, guy friends, to keep him company, take him to the barber, Men's Club at the Temple and for company when I was out. I couldn't scarf that up. All this because The Village in Howard and their wonderful volunteers were there for us. Don't wait.

Marsha

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3/2018

Recently, I became a caregiver, a responsibility that can be very rewarding, a responsibility that can also be stressful and very exhausting. Neglecting your own well-being can be harmful to both you and the person in your care. To this end, Debbie and I happily discovered The Village in Howard. Out of the wilderness and into the kind and caring embrace of the Circle of Care Volunteers - - that has been our experience when Kira, Fran, Sally, Jane, and Vickie visited our home to provide support, security, and well-being, allowing me to watch my daughter run the Baltimore Marathon and play Pickleball on four occasions. Not only did they and the process conceived by Susan and administered by Marie give us emotional support but provides inspiration as we move forward in the future. From our experience, we now have a sense of security that when we need care, a volunteer will always be there. THANKS, AND THANKS!!

To life, To Well-Being,

Warren

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4/2018

I wish to honor all the volunteers of the Village in Howard who devote a great deal of their time and energy to help those of us who prefer not to leave their home and garden, but need the emotional support of friends, as well as an occasional hand to fix something in their house.

I personally have been the lucky recipient of such help from time-to-time and would like to express my gratitude to each of my benefactors.

Many thanks to Marie for lending a friendly ear to me when it was greatly needed - very often, as a matter of fact.

To Michael and Kathy for their extraordinary and repeated help in fixing a faucet or organizing my possessions in a gentle and methodical way. They did so much for me!

To Michele for a trip to the doctor and supervising some transactions.

To Bill, who carried all sorts of books to be donated and more, saving the strain on my back.

To Bebe for her useful tips and phone calls. And several other TVIH volunteers.

Soon it will be my turn to contribute to the success of TVIH.

Madeleine

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March 29, 2018

I want to commend all the volunteers at The Village in Howard. I think they are wonderful people and have done a delightful job. They have made my life very pleasant and have been very helpful in allowing me to leave my home to do things that I normally would not be able to do. The volunteers are generous, wonderful, lovely, caring people. I also want to thank all the other people in the village for what they have done to help me.

Fred

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