

NewtonTAB

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LETTERS

Praise for Newton at Home

I want to share my enthusiasm for a Newton organization that changed my life. I am an 87-year old widow, living in Newton in my own home.

Before my husband past away, odd jobs, such as changing a ceiling light bulb, testing the smoke detector, or fixing a backed up sink, weren't a problem.

He took care of it. After he died all that became a major challenge for me. The question was where to get reliable help?

I expressed my frustration to one of my friends and she told me that she was a member of an organization called Newton at Home. She went on to tell me the many ways in which Newton at Home had helped her: driving her to doctor appointments and other places around town and in Boston, grocery shopping, computer help, and of course providing someone to do all those small jobs around the house.

She explained that after you pay the annual membership fee, there is no extra charge for almost all services because volunteers do them. She also told me about the discount tickets they offer for cultural events and day trips that get you out of the house enjoying the company of others.

Newton at Home sounded like the perfect solution for me and I joined almost a year ago.

Today there is no question in my mind that it was a good decision. My experience has been incredible.

The odd jobs are no longer a problem and neither is getting to appointments.

There are many other services that I have taken advantage of as well. Equally as important is my relationship with their staff.

Whenever I call with a request, a pleasant friendly voice always responds.

Also, I find that meeting so many Newton at Home volunteers has made my life richer and more interesting.

I would recommend this organization to any older individual living in Newton who needs a friendly helping hand.

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