



# PARTNERS IN CARING

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## Connecting Our Neighbors

Everyday on her walk, Grace passes an adorable house just a few blocks away. Sometimes she waves at the couple sitting on the porch, and they wave back. What Grace didn't know is that Jennifer and Scott led vibrant and active lives until 6 years ago when Scott was diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's disease.

In the past 6 years, Jennifer has juggled working outside of the home while being a caregiver of their teen son as well as her husband. Their son, Sam, stepped up. When not in school, Sam has devoted his time to caring for his dad. Having lost his junior and part of his senior year to a pandemic, he has very little time left to just be a kid before he sets off to college out of state. He worries how his mom will manage once he leaves.

When Jen reached out to Caregiver Volunteers, she had no idea that a waving neighbor was actually a volunteer with our Alzheimer's Respite Care Program and would turn out to be her saving GRACE. Having a volunteer that was available and in their neighborhood has allowed us to start services immediately in this unique and time sensitive situation. This only happened because of people like you, people like Grace.

Connecting neighbors is the best part of what we do. We need more neighbors to connect, please spread the word and help us help each other. **Interested in learning all about the Alzheimer's Respite Care Program? New Information sessions coming SOON!!!** For more information contact Julia at [juliaf@caregivervolunteers.org](mailto:juliaf@caregivervolunteers.org).

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Through her own personal experience of caring for her aging parents for many years, Cindy found her passion for helping others. Years after her parents had passed on Cindy wanted to volunteer her time to assist other caregivers dealing with the same stressors she felt when she was a caregiver. She found Caregiver Volunteers in 2012 and the rest is history.

Cindy began her volunteer experience with Caregiver Volunteers by transporting receivers to medical appointments sometimes doing 2 or 3 transports a week. Over the years, Cindy began to wear other hats for Caregivers, becoming an assessor/coordinator, an ambassador and helping out in the office. But her passion for helping others always brings her back to giving her time to our receivers.

Cindy says, "It feels so good interacting with the sweet folks who have been isolated, they are so appreciative of the services Caregivers provides. We have lovely conversations during our trips that I think I get more out of the visit than they do."

Thank you and all our volunteers for donating your time to ease the burden for the seniors in our community.

Cindy



*"The heart of a volunteer is never measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others."*  
~DeAnn Hollis



## CONGREGATION SPOTLIGHT

St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church was one of the original 8 congregations that believed in the mission and came on board when the doors opened in 1993. They have been an unwavering supporter ever since.

Father Scott is not only a passionate supporter but also a very active member of our Board of Directors. Over the last several

months, St Joe's has helped CVCJ by hosting grab-and-go events for our volunteers, lent some of their manpower to deliver desks to our new location, and continues to have an active core of volunteers that have helped throughout the pandemic.

Our coalition of congregations share in a common thread of compassion for others. St. Joe's has been a true example of the power of that mobilized compassion and the impact it has not only on their congregation but the entire community. As the world begins to reopen, Caregiver Volunteers has a growing sense of optimism because of the wonderful partners we have in congregations like St. Joe's.

Thank you for all you do and continue to do to help us further our mission. To learn more about St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church visit [stjosephtomsriver.org](http://stjosephtomsriver.org).

# PARTNER SPOTLIGHT



## Come In For a Tour

Our Memory Care Community Is Once Again Open for In-Person Tours

Call to schedule a tour to see why Artis Senior Living is your best choice for safe and exceptionally personalized Memory Care.

We look forward to welcoming you back to our community!

### To Schedule Your Tour

848-208-3507

[TheArtisWay.com/EatontownTour](http://TheArtisWay.com/EatontownTour)

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in Memory  
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Artis Senior Living of Eatontown: 147 Grant Ave., Eatontown, NJ 07724  
Check out our other nearby community in Brick.



## Match Made In Heaven



Doug & Sneha enjoying one of their Sunday Scrabble sessions via Facetime.

Every Sunday for the past 8 months, ARCP receiver Doug and volunteer Sneha have been playing Scrabble online together. Sneha learned that Doug, his mother, and sister used to play Scrabble together in his youth and when Sneha had to go back to school she decided to shift their visits online to play Scrabble for a few hours every Sunday.

Not only are they broadening their vocabulary together, but they are sharing moments together and enriching each others' lives. Check out Doug and Sneha's story on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/7cyHAICh80E>.



## Don't Forget:

### Volunteer Information Updates

Has your availability changed? Are you ready to take on another assignment? Please contact the office at 732-505-2273 to update your information.

### Volunteer Hours

To report your hours visit [caregivervolunteers.org/volunteer-corner/submit-volunteer-hours/](http://caregivervolunteers.org/volunteer-corner/submit-volunteer-hours/)

### Presentations

If you are a member of an organization that would like to hear about us and our many volunteer opportunities please give us a call 732-505-2273 to set up a presentation.

### Virtual Volunteer Town Hall

The next Volunteer Town Hall is June 16th at 11am. We look forward to seeing you there to exchange ideas with other volunteers & get the latest CVCJ news!

For more information contact Dena at 732-505-2273 or email [denag@caregivervolunteers.org](mailto:denag@caregivervolunteers.org)



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## *Keeping Our Community Safe!*

With the help of many of our volunteers, Caregiver Volunteers has assisted over 200 people both carereceivers and volunteers getting fully vaccinated, through our vaccine buddy program with CentraState Hospital and Community Medical Center.

If you are ready to take on another volunteer assignment call the office at 732-505-2273. We are always looking for drivers and shoppers!

### **Still need your vaccine check out:**

**Ocean County Health Department:**  
732-380-5079 or [ochd.org/covid19-vaccine/](http://ochd.org/covid19-vaccine/)  
**Monmouth County Health Commission:**  
732-845-2070 or [visitmonmouth.com/health](http://visitmonmouth.com/health)



**CVCJ Board Member, Dave, drives his vaccine buddies, Marjorie & Jean for their Covid 19 vaccine at CentraState.**

*Without the support of our local partners we would not be able to provide services to the over 1400 seniors in Ocean and Monmouth Counties that we help.*