



Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey

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*Plant Seeds
of Kindness
This Spring!*

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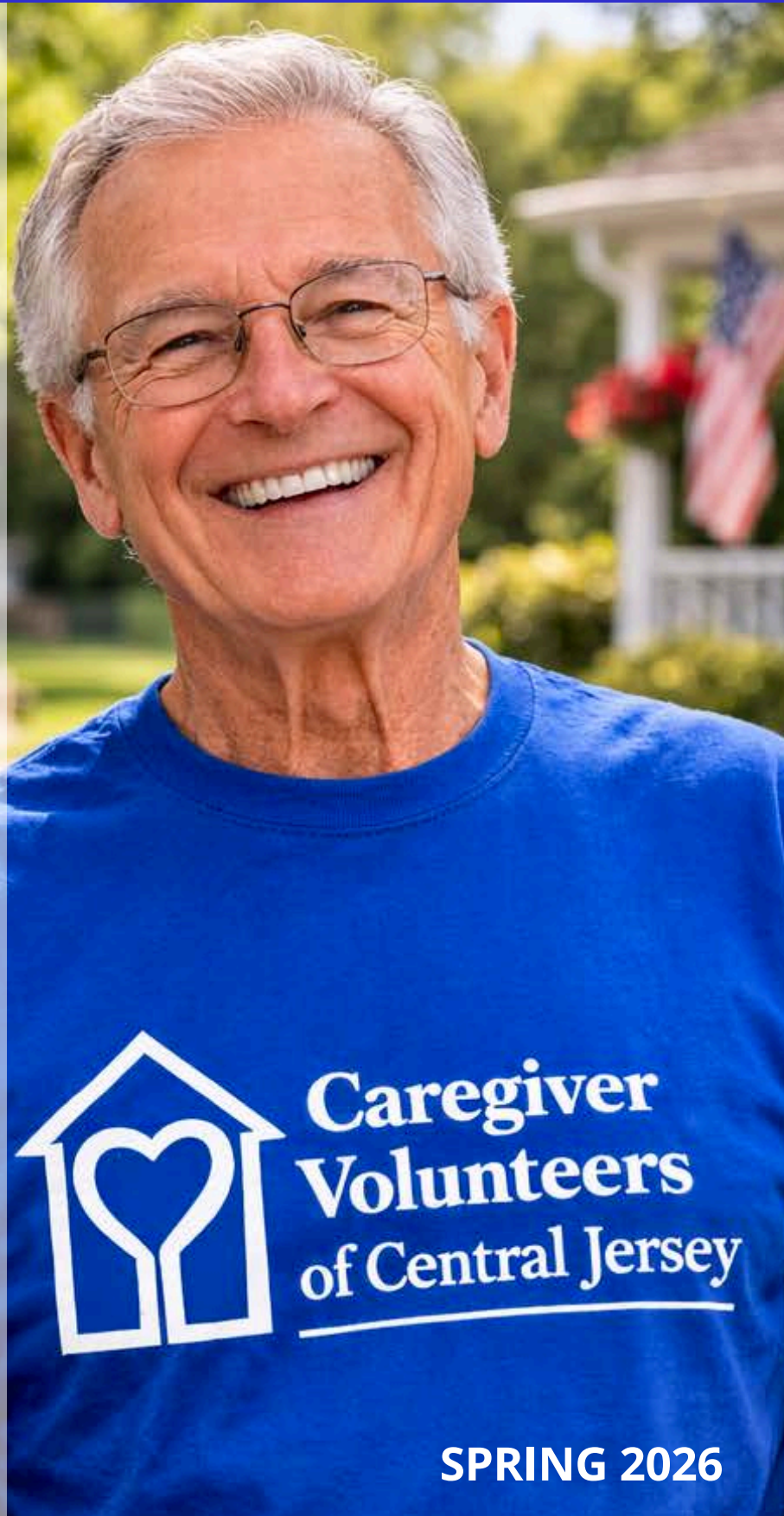
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SPRING 2026



Welcome Message From Executive Director, Bob Scott

In today's world, it's easy to feel disconnected—but here at CVCJ, we intentionally choose connection. We thrive by focusing on one another, building relationships that truly matter. Every time a volunteer steps forward or a senior receives the support they need, it creates a ripple of hope that extends far beyond a single moment. Those small acts of kindness add up, shaping a stronger, more compassionate community.

What makes this even more special is that this spirit of care doesn't just live in the work we do externally—it's at the heart of how we operate every day. Whether it's my team lifting me up when I stumble or each of us stepping in to support one another, there is a genuine sense of shared purpose and compassion that defines who we are. It's this culture of caring that allows us to continue growing, adapting, and finding new ways to serve.

As we look ahead, we're excited to keep evolving—exploring new opportunities, expanding our reach, and strengthening the impact we can make together. But no matter how much we grow, our mission will always remain the same: to help one another and to lead with kindness in everything we do.

It is truly an honor to witness these everyday acts of generosity and connection. They are a constant reminder of the power of community and the difference we can make when we come together with open hearts.

I am deeply grateful to be part of this incredible community of giving, and I look forward to all that we will accomplish in the coming year. Thank you for being such an important part of this journey—I can't wait to see what we'll achieve together, side by side.



A Message From Volunteer Manager, Pat Cubero



As we look ahead in 2026, I want to thank each and every one of our volunteers for the time, kindness, and commitment you've given to Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey. Because of you, seniors and caregivers in Monmouth and Ocean Counties have had support when they needed it most.

To our new volunteers—welcome, and thank you for choosing CVCJ. There are many ways to give back, and you chose to serve your neighbors through us. Some of you have already been matched, and if you haven't yet, you'll be hearing from our team soon so we can complete your match and get you started.

To our long-time volunteers—thank you for your continued dedication. Whether you've been with us for a couple of years or for 30, we are truly grateful for your steady support and the care you bring to our programs.

No matter how you volunteer—phone calls, medical transportation, shopping, friendly visits, or respite—please know this: **your impact is real and lasting.** In a world where loneliness and isolation are far too common, you showed up. The support you provide with every call, ride, errand, and visit helps our receivers and caregivers stay healthier, feel more connected, and remain independent.

I am always available by email at patc@cvcj.org or phone (732) 505-2273, ext. 205. I'd love to hear from you—whether it's an update about your match, an idea to make our programs more efficient, or simply a meaningful moment you experienced as a volunteer. I'm looking forward to being in closer touch this year and getting to know each of you even better.

Thank you again for being the best Volunteers ever!

Our Community Impact In Action



L-R: Donald, Care Receiver enjoying the sun on his back patio with CVCJ volunteer, Barbara.

Barbara, CVCJ Volunteer since 2016

Since I'm retired, I feel it is important to do more things that provide meaning and purpose to my life. What better way to do so than to help others. Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey (CVCJ) certainly provides that opportunity. Moreover, I enjoy interacting with people and sharing experiences that I have had in addition to learning from their experiences.

For the past ten years, I have been visiting Donald as my assignment for Caregivers. He is a joy to visit, for he has such a positive outlook on life and is genuinely appreciative of the visits.

Caregivers has enabled Don to have more social interaction; to keep abreast of current events and salient health information; to share commonalities in education (we're both retired educators), travel, and motion pictures; to have stimulating conversations; to have someone as a sounding board; to shop for groceries (done by another CVCJ Volunteer); to provide information about other services available to him from other venues and very importantly to make him realize he has not been forgotten, has a resource he can depend upon, and that our senior citizens are valuable and cared for.

The words remarkable, resilient, resourceful, and indomitable spirit truly epitomize Donald, a widower who is legally blind and who turned ninety this year. In spite of his marked visual impairment, he never exhibits a defeatist attitude for he is sustained by his enjoyment of life, his active participation in life, his belief in the power of positive thinking, and his determination to stay healthy through social interaction, diet and exercise. Assuredly, he is aware of his limitations but does not let them define him.

As a CVCJ Volunteer I have gained so much through my visits with Don and I am so thankful for this invaluable experience.

Our 2026 Brick Hero Award Recipient

Each year, Caregiver Volunteers (CVCJ) is fortunate to nominate an outstanding Brick Township Volunteer to receive the Township's Hero Award. Our recipient for the Hero Award this year is **Mary Jane**. We were so blessed and fortunate back in **2005 when Mary Jane became a Volunteer with CVCJ**. She is probably the most adaptable Volunteer we've ever met. She will not only accept the tough assignments, but finds a way to make them successful, productive, and joyful. Mary Jane develops a strong bond with the Caregivers she provides respite to and amazingly becomes a welcome friend to the individuals with dementia she visits sometimes even in spite of themselves. It is not at all uncommon for Mary Jane to remain in touch with and even visit Caregivers long after their loved one with dementia has passed away and she has taken on a new assignment. We aren't sure how she manages all of this, a current assignment, a whole group of past Caregivers she continues to visit and we aren't the only organization she Volunteers with!

Mary Jane should be celebrated every single day for her caring heart, ability to bring joy to those who are so in need, a lifeline of respite for overwhelmed and exhausted caregivers and true friendship and connection to everyone she impacts.

We are so blessed to have Mary Jane as part of the CVCJ Volunteer Family and are so proud to share this recognition with her. She truly deserves the Brick Hero Award!

Visit cvcj.org, call the office at (732) 505-2273 or email: info@caregiversvolunteers.org to volunteer today, learn about our services or to donate!



L-R: Brick Mayor, Lisa Crate with Mary Jane. Mary Jane after she received her Brick Hero Award and Cap.

Celebrating Older Americans...



Each May, the Administration for Community Living brings communities across the nation together to observe Older Americans Month (OAM)—a time to celebrate the contributions of older Americans, elevate conversations about aging, and strengthen our collective commitment to supporting and serving older adults in every community. The 2026 theme, Champion Your Health, focuses on prevention, wellness, and personal responsibility as cornerstones of healthy aging.

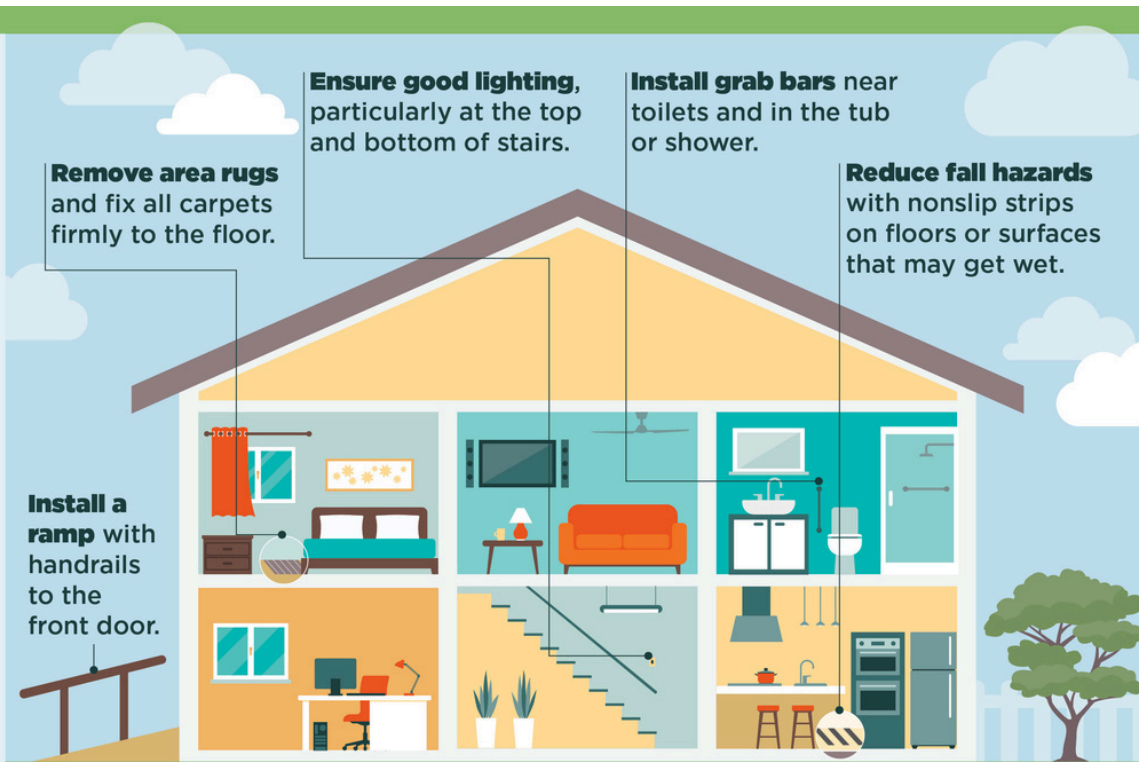
At its heart, this movement is about transforming how we see, speak about, and experience aging. It calls on individuals and communities to rise above outdated stereotypes and spark meaningful conversations that challenge misconceptions. Together, we can reimagine the story of aging—one that honors the wisdom, resilience, and rich life experiences of older adults while creating truly age-friendly communities. This year, join us in celebrating aging not as a limitation, but as a powerful journey filled with purpose, growth, exploration, and connection.

This year, Caregiver Volunteers is honored to celebrate Older Americans Month alongside our supporters and partners across the aging community. We know that vibrant, diverse communities grow stronger when older adults are seen, heard, and meaningfully included. Ensuring seniors remain connected and supported for as long as possible is at the heart of our mission—to help older adults live independently and with dignity in their own homes. Join us as we come together to uplift one another, honor the wisdom of aging, and build a stronger, more connected community for all.

Visit cvcj.org, call the office at (732) 505-2273 or email: info@cvcj.org to volunteer today, learn about our services or to donate!

Home safety tips for older adults

A few changes could make your home easier and safer to live in and help you continue to live independently.



For more information, visit www.nia.nih.gov/aging-in-place.

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\$12,500



Proceeds to benefit:
**Caregiver Volunteers
of Central Jersey**

Winner drawn at Dancing with Their Stars at
Eagle Oaks Golf & Country Club at 9:00pm

Wednesday, September 30, 2026

Limited to 250 tickets.

If less than 250 tickets are sold, winner will
receive 50% of actual ticket proceeds.
You do not have to be present to win!



**RAFFLE
Fundraiser**



Our 2025
Raffle Winner, Nelson.

Tickets are \$100 Each

For more information email Gina at info@cvcj.org or visit cvcj.org/50-50

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A Special Thank You!

In 1998, residents of The Meadows Community in Whiting partnered with Caregiver Volunteers to bring holiday joy to homebound neighbors in their community. That first year, volunteers lovingly made and delivered beautiful handmade ornaments.

Over the years, this generous spirit has grown into a cherished annual tradition. Today, residents donate their time and resources to create and deliver festive holiday baskets filled with goodies for our homebound receivers in Whiting. Each year, an average of 20 volunteers from The Meadows come together to create more than 40 holiday baskets, spreading warmth and cheer throughout the community. A heartfelt thank you to Judy Kennedy for organizing this year's basket giveaway and to all the dedicated volunteer residents of The Meadows of LakeRidge for their generosity and kindness.

Caregiver Volunteers is deeply grateful for this incredible partnership. We receive many touching thank-you notes from receivers after they open their holiday baskets— for some, it is the only gift they receive all year. Your compassion truly makes a difference.

Thank you for helping make the holidays brighter for our community.



The Meadows
of
LakeRidge

Left: Volunteers from The Meadows with CVCJ Staff, Francine Porges & Danielle Maley(seated) gather in front of the beautiful holiday baskets they created before delivering them to some of our Whiting receivers.

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or go to caregivervolunteers.org/giving

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Thank you for your support!



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condolences
& gratitude to the
families of:**

**Lorraine Bauer
Maria Jeanette Gargiulo
Carol Harrigan
Raymond Parrella
Daniel Passarella**

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*Dancing With
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