



ACC Senior Services

Friendly Visitor/In-Home Respite Service

ACC's Friendly Visitor/In-home Respite Service is part of Legacy Corps, an AmeriCorps program. Through this program, at ACC since 2010, trained Legacy Corps members offer family caregivers an opportunity to take a break (respite) from their caregiving duties. Members go into the family home to serve as friendly visiting companions to older adults or family members with disabilities. Priority is given to veterans and veteran families.

Hours of service: 8:30 am – 9:00 pm dependent upon member(s) availability.

Eligibility: Caregiver completes a service request and needs assessment with ACC staff. Staff conduct a home visit to meet client.

Fee: Fees for this service are \$10/hr; depending upon location. Mileage and travel fees may be charged, depending upon distance from ACC. Billing will be at the end of every month of service.

Description: ACC recruits, screens, and conducts background checks to qualified volunteers per Legacy Corps requirements. Once trained, the Legacy Corps members, under the oversight, supervision and guidance of ACC, provide respite for a caregiver in the family home.

Member volunteers assist with caring for the older adult or family member with disabilities. Their primary tasks include:

- o Conversation and companionship
- o Play games or engage in creative arts
- o Light exercise, short-distant walks
- o Reading, watching TV/movies together

VOLUNTEERS are not allowed to:

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- Transport clients in volunteer's personal or client's vehicle
- Provide personal care (grooming, toileting, bathing)
- Do housekeeping
- Move furniture
- Accept money, tips, gifts, hospitality or entertainment worth more than \$20 in value

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