

O'Connell *Care At Home*

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Welcome to the premier edition of O'Connell *Care At Home's* quarterly newsletter. In this publication you can find information about our office staff, new programs and services, a listing of local events, as well as helpful informational tips to help you live a healthy, more independent lifestyle.

O'Connell *Care At Home* is a full service home care provider including skilled nursing, personal care assistance, homemaker assistance, companionship services, and geriatric care management consulting. For over 20 years, our family-owned company has been offering these services to individuals and their families in the Hampden, Franklin, Hampshire counties, and beyond.

O'Connell *Care At Home* is not like every other home care agency. We are dedicated to providing outstanding care, support, and compassion to both clients and community agencies. Our goal is to help people make the home health care choices that are right for them during periods of disability or aging, while enabling them to live as independently and for as long as possible in the place they call home. At O'Connell *Care At Home*, we take the time to address the needs of the whole patient, not just the medical aspect.

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NEW! Transportation Services

Struggling to find the time to get a loved one to a doctor's appointment? Need to run an errand or go shopping? Tired of the inconvenience of public transportation?

O'Connell *Care At Home* now provides door-to-door van transportation services to all current clients throughout the Western Massachusetts Pioneer Valley area, and beyond. Our van is equipped with a wheelchair lift and services include van transportation for seniors and people with disabilities who need transportation for grocery or clothes shopping, banking or medical purposes, anywhere you want to go. Appointments must be made 24 hours in advance. Cancellations can be made up to one hour before the appointment.

Trained & courteous drivers operate our van. Please call us to determine how we can best meet your transportation needs.



Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, April 28th – Forgetting: A Presentation and Book Signing with Author Joan Carson Breitung, RN, MSN

A special presentation by the author of Forgetting, a user friendly guide that defines memory problems with straightforward explanations and remedies. Joan will answer your questions about caring for loved ones with dementia. Attendees will receive a complimentary copy of her book.

5:00pm–6:30pm, The Atrium at Cardinal Drive, 153 Cardinal Drive, Agawam. Refreshments will be served. Call to register at (413) 821–9911.

Thursday, May 14th – 7th Annual Health & Safety Fair

Sponsored for senior citizens, their families, and the community. Demonstrations, displays, and info.

10:00am–2:00pm at the Northampton Senior Center, 67 Conz Street, Northampton



Monday, May 18th – Home Sweet Home – An Overview of Housing Options for Seniors.

Deborah Hollingworth, LSW, will lead an in-depth discussion regarding the costs, benefits, availability, and what the future holds for senior housing options. Deb is a Geriatric Care Manager and has over twenty years of experience in the elder care field.

6:00pm–7:30pm at O'Connell *Care At Home*, 220 Linden Street, Holyoke. Please call to register at (413) 437–9403.



Geriatric Care Management Consultations

O'Connell *Care At Home* is proud to now offer Geriatric Care Management consultation services to the community. Our Geriatric Care Managers are professionally trained individuals from a variety of health and human service backgrounds, including a master degreed RN who is also a Family Nurse Practitioner, and a Social Worker who has been in the geriatric care field for over 20 years. Not all Geriatric Care Managers are equal, and we are proud to have consultants on hand who have demonstrated both excellence in academic studies and experience in the field of geriatrics.

Our Geriatric Care Managers are trained to work in a collaborative partnership with the care recipient and the family to assure high quality care that is consistent with the wishes, preferences, lifestyles and resources of the family. To do this, the Care Manager focuses on the possibilities for enhancing the life of the care recipient to assure maximum independence and dignity.

A 1-hour consultation with our experienced Geriatric Care Manager can assist in unraveling the complexity of care options and make decision making more manageable.

O'Connell Care At Home is... Trusted by Clients & the Community · An Experienced, Reliable Elder Care Company · Locally Owned & Operated · A Provider of Holistic Care · Highly Credentialed · Completely Thorough with Pre-Employment Screening · Honest · Reliable.