

Community Care Matters



Fans From Fans August 7th



Once again Family Eldercare is teaming up with KXAN Austin News, Jim Spencer and the Round Rock Express to collect fans and funds for the Summer Fan Drive. On August 7th Round Rock Express fans will two free tickets to the game by donating a fan or funds. A donation of \$15 covers the cost of one fan and helps those who cannot afford air conditioning. [Click Here for more details.](#)

Who needs fans?

Recently, a Family Eldercare employee delivered fans on her way home. As she drove to the address listed, she wondered why this family had requested fans. When the door opened and she saw the grandmother in a wheel chair, perspiration beading on her forehead, she understood why.

As she looked in the home she could see that it was virtually bare. The woman's two grandchildren helped bring the fans in and sat peacefully on the floor as the cool breeze blew over them. The grandmother explained that she was on a fixed income so she had to move in with her daughter and two grandchildren. Her daughter was working hard, trying to make ends meet, but when their air conditioning unit broke the week before, it was an added expense the family simply could not afford. With temperatures rising, the days were becoming hard to bear and sleep was difficult without air conditioning. The free fans provided by Family Eldercare's Fan Drive gave the family relief from the heat and a good night's rest.

Golf Oct 18 - Save the Date!



for the annual "Swinging Fore Seniors" Golf Tournament on October 18th at Berry Creek in Georgetown, TX. Enjoy lunch, a great day of golf, dinner, a raffle and great prizes. Proceeds from the tournament will allow Family Eldercare to provide services to older adults and people with disabilities, which will allow them to live independently for as long as possible. For more information about teams or sponsorship opportunities please contact [Krystal](#) at 512.483.3557.

News at Family Eldercare

In-Home Care & Caregiver Services

We are pleased to announce that we have a new member of the Family Eldercare In-Home Care & Caregiver Services team. Dawn Lakamsani, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, has nearly 20 years experience supporting caregivers and older adults.

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Volunteer !

[Lifetime Connections Without Walls:](#) brings seniors together over the telephone for conversation and fun. You can volunteer to facilitate a call without leaving your home or while on your lunch break!

[Money Management:](#) Volunteer your time to work one-on-one with a client who needs assistance with keeping their checkbook balanced, paying their bills, budgeting, etc. No experience is necessary, training is provided, requires at least two hours per month.

[Guardian Advocate:](#) Volunteers are needed for visitation and advocacy. Our clients include both disabled adults and elderly people, many of whom have no family and few friends in the area. The short regular visits from volunteers brighten their days and enhance the quality of their lives. No experience is necessary, training is provided, requires at least two hours per month.

[Fan Drive 2 more months!](#) Team Fan Drives: A Team Fan Drive is an exciting and easy way to get your work, church, neighborhood or any group involved in the Summer Fan Drive! Spend one day or one month collecting new fans and/or funds for the Fan Drive. [CLICK HERE](#) to look at ideas from our creative Team Captains and to print out helpful information about Team Fan Drives and instructions on how to get started!

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Dawn will provide [Geriatric Consultation](#), in-home counseling that is covered by Medicare for older adults experiencing depression and other mental health issues and facilitate Caregiver Support Groups in Travis and Williamson County.

Guardianship

Family Eldercare's Guardianship Program continues to enhance the quality of services provided by ensuring that our staff are experts in our field. All Care Managers have the credential of Certified Guardians in the state of Texas. Pat Giles, Mary Echeverria, Betty Twombly and Ramona Brush are now Certified Dementia Care Specialists by the AFA and Ramona Brush is a National Guardianship Association Approved Educator.

Elders Living Well

The Elders Living Well program has expanded to include a 5th public housing property. The program provides services to older residents and is currently focusing on its goal to develop an active and engaged community through volunteerism. Residents are excited about volunteering on the property and in local hospitals and libraries. One resident who is leading an arts and crafts class tells us that it brings her great happiness that she can share her talents with others while coping with the loss of her son. Others enjoy the opportunity to "get acquainted with residents and try to help someone" and to "do something different."

Funding

We received a two year funding commitment from the Carl C. Anderson Sr. & Marie Jo Anderson Charitable Foundation. The contribution will support our In-Home Care and Caregiver Services program and the Bill Payer program. The Foundation has been a strong supporter of Family Eldercare, offering grant funding for both our capital campaign and our programs.

Additional funding was received from the Veritas Foundation for the Summer Fan Drive and the Dougherty Foundation for Family Eldercare's programs and services. Both have been supporters of Family Eldercare for several years and we appreciate their continued assistance!

About Family Eldercare

Family Eldercare provides essential services to elders, adults with disabilities, and those who care for them.

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Fan Drive Supporters Thank You!

We would like to thank all who supported and participated in Fan Fare Friday and our Fan Drive Gala during this 20th Anniversary of the Fan Drive! Your generosity made the day a great success. We were thrilled to see many long-time friends of the fan drive and quite a few new faces joining in the effort to Keep Central Texans Cool. We would like to thank our [2010 Fan Drive Sponsors](#), Team Drives, [businesses](#), individuals, musical guests, volunteers and staff who supported the events. Special thanks to Sara Hickman for her fantastic performance on May 29th and to Threadgill's for once again hosting Fan Fare Friday at their downtown location.

We're excited to announce that we raised \$63,550 in fans and funds at Fan Fare Friday and more than \$96,000 at the Fan Drive Gala. This would not have been possible without your help! We thank you for your generosity, big hearts and helping hands.

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