



Family Eldercare



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St. David's Foundation Support



Thank you to the St. David's Foundation, a long time funder, for awarding a grant of \$175,000 to support our

continuum of services for older adults. St. David's Foundation is a leader in the local community in addressing the needs of older adults. Funding from the Foundation will support our core programs of Guardianship, In-Home Care & Caregiver Services, Service Coordination and Lifetime Connections Without Walls. It will also support a new service that provides Geriatric Consultation and mental health counseling to older adults and their families. Thank you to the St. David's Foundation for its commitment to improving the lives of older adults and caregivers.

Jesse's Rise to Independence

One of Family Eldercare's highest priorities is to help seniors and people with disabilities remain as independent as possible. Our Money Management program makes this possible by helping clients establish a budget, pay bills and avoid financial exploitation.

One client currently benefitting from the bill paying service has an especially inspiring story. Jesse suffers from schizophrenia, a debilitating mental illness that if left untreated can lead to paranoia and anger issues. Despite the fact that he is an extremely hard worker, his mental illness made it impossible for him to keep a job; Jesse was homeless for five years.

After five long years of living on the streets, Jesse was determined to one day have his own apartment. He sought help through a Care Manager at the Austin Resource Center for the Homeless (ARCH) and was quickly on his way to achieving his goal. The first step to becoming independent and obtaining safe housing was securing income. To be eligible for Social Security income, Jesse needed the help of a Representative Payee to receive and manage his finances for him. Family Eldercare was able to provide him with that help! Soon after securing income, he was able to receive a bus pass, food stamps and a form of identification.

Jesse now lives in his own apartment and is receiving the healthcare that he needs! With the support of Family Eldercare's Money Management Program, Jesse will be able to stay in his apartment for a long time because he has the assistance he needs to properly manage his finances.

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Save the Date- May 7th! Family Eldercare's Gala

Family Eldercare's annual Gala will be held on Saturday, May 7th. Enjoy an incredible night of entertainment, an amazing silent auction and dinner with friends at the Renaissance Austin Hotel. Check back soon for more details.

Grants Recently Awarded

The Topfer Family

Foundation has given \$35,000 to support Family Eldercare's Guardianship program. This new grant will be used to add direct care staff to the program. This support from the Topfer Family Foundation will allow Family Eldercare to expand Guardianship services

Graduates Thank Women's Fund

The [Women's Fund of Central Texas](#) is sponsoring training for our In-Home Care Attendants to become Certified Nurses Aids (CNA). This represents an important career advancement for the Care Attendants, both in terms of increased skills and increased pay. We are so grateful that the Women's Fund makes this benefit available to some of our hardest working employees who provide such an important service to older adults and caregivers in our community.



Left to right: Marjorie Ben, Chrystal White, Mary Acosta, and Angela Atwood (Family Eldercare CEO)

Mary's Bright Holiday

Mary, like most of our Guardianship clients, has no remaining family to help address her basic needs or to spend the holidays with. She has been under the care of our Guardianship Program for almost three years because she suffers from several mental and physical health conditions, including seizures and heart problems. Despite her health problems, Mary had a very happy holiday thanks to the generosity of a community member who sponsored her through our annual Holiday Giving Drive.

A wish list of items was given to each sponsor to offer them ideas of what items would be most needed or appreciated. Mary's sponsor followed the list and gave her things that were "so Mary," such as sparkly bracelets, barrettes, nail polish and a fuzzy blanket. These small items meant so much to her and truly made her holiday merrier. Thanks to everyone who helped make the holidays brighter for clients like Mary by supporting the Holiday Giving Drive.

News at Family Eldercare

Geriatric Consultation

Family Eldercare's Geriatric Consultation Program has received final approval as a Medicare Part B provider. As a provider, our Geriatric Consultant can offer counseling for depression, anxiety, caregiver stress, and much more. These therapy sessions can be conducted in the office or in the privacy of the home for little to no cost to the client. [Click here to read about all of the services available through Geriatric Consultation.](#)

Lyons Gardens Senior Housing

The residents at Lyons Gardens had a very happy holiday thanks to many members of the community. A group of 8th grade girls

so that we can meet the need among vulnerable elders who are not able to care for themselves. The Foundation also awarded \$1,500 to the agency over Thanksgiving for client meals and \$2,500 over the holidays for meals and gifts to assist our low-income clients.

The Shield-Ayres Foundation awarded \$10,000 to Family Eldercare to help pay for legal guardianship and in-home care services. Family Eldercare has been experiencing a significant increase in demand for these services as a result of the growing number of older adults living in our community. The Shield-Ayres Foundation has been providing funding to Family Eldercare for several years and we appreciate their help in meeting the need for these two important programs.

The Rachael and Ben Vaughan Foundation has awarded \$2,500 to Family Eldercare's Money Management Program. This program ensures that vulnerable older adults and adults with disabilities have sufficient funds and support to be able to remain living in the community with an improved quality of life. This service was recognized as a promising best practice in a recent study on elder financial abuse because it uses an objective intermediary to handle older adults' bills and finances.

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from the Austin Chapter of the National Charity League hosted a holiday craft party complete with cookies and punch. The Westlake Hills Presbyterian church sang carols to residents and gave loaves of fresh baked bread. Unity Church spread holiday cheer by giving gifts to the residents.

In-Home Care & Caregiver Services

The In-Home Care Program is proud to share some impressive end-of-year statistics that demonstrate the program's continuous growth. The program now provides an average of 10,000 hours of care each month, 96% of our clients said in a survey that they were very satisfied with their care, and there was a 20% increase in the number of Care Attendants employed in 2010.

About Family Eldercare

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

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