



Center For Family Services

A History of Success

A Second Chance:

When Carl's daughter decided to move to a smaller home, he knew that staying with her would be almost impossible. At 84, Carl was not ready to move into a nursing home, but he didn't know where to turn. When the office manager of a local senior center heard about Carl's problem, she connected the elderly man with Services to Assist Families and the Elderly (SAFE) program.

With support from his SAFE care manager, Carl secured an apartment and is living alone and supporting himself. His care manager drives him to and from the Veteran's Hospital for checkups and coordinates his mail-in prescriptions. She also arranges for a cleaning service to stop in twice a week.

Carl still spends three days a week at the local senior center, playing cards and visiting with friends. On Sunday afternoons, he spends time with his daughter in her new home. And, with the continued support of the SAFE program, Carl can retain his feeling of independence for many more years.

Encouraging Independence:

With her husband gone and her eyesight failing, Mary found CFS. With the support of SAFE, 92-years-old, Mary remains in her home surrounded by family photos and warm memories. The SAFE program provides Mary with the ability to remain in her home, where she has spent most of her life, a place where she feels safe and secure.

Fiesty and determined to survive, Mary has her groceries delivered, her lawn care contracted and her medicine filled – all coordinated by her SAFE care manager. Life is not easy. Mary maneuvers the hallways of her home with the help of a walker, and she tires easily. Despite all the physical limitations that have come with age, Mary says she knows home is the best place for her to be...
"I like it here. I know where everything is."

A recent fall resulted in Mary being temporarily moved into a nursing home. While there, Mary wilted. Her energy, her desire for life, and her will to live centers around the home she shared with her husband for more than 50 years. SAFE arranged for Mary to return home, and even now continues to support Mary in her efforts to remain independent.

Names used in the success stories were changed to protect the identity of our clients.