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Ways Congregations Can Support *Volunteer Caregiving*

It is important to keep coalition members informed of the ways that they can extend their support. Many programs have benefited from congregational support such as the following:

- Sponsoring an annual fundraiser
- Providing space for volunteer recruitment and training
- Providing congregational coordinators to help support outreach to the congregation
- Regularly including information in bulletins and newsletters
- Encouraging congregational volunteers and care receivers to share their stories
- Writing letters welcoming new volunteers to the program
- Hosting a reception for congregation volunteers each year and having them invite a potential new volunteer to the celebration
- Including *your program* in the annual budget
- Hosting a commissioning service for caregiving volunteers and taking up an offering of support
- Writing letters of support for fundraising efforts
- Supporting your program with in-kind support including computer equipment, work or meeting space, copy/printing expenses, office supplies, etc.
- Serving on the board of directors or ad hoc committees