**Jerry Quell, Volunteer Caregiver from Clinton Township, in Macomb County, Michigan**

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*Jerry Quell, volunteer caregiver for 1.5 years, Clinton Township, Macomb County, Michigan.*

I started as a volunteer caregiver one and a half years ago following my retirement after working 37 years for Chrysler Corporation. I am recently widowed, my wife’s passed away in 2020, I was looking to do something meaningful with the time I have and give back to the community when I came across Interfaith Volunteer Caregiving (IVC) mentioned in the church paper. I called IVC and they presented me with multiple caregiving options in support of seniors and I chose to be an on-call volunteer caregiver. I went through the training process and was ready to start volunteering soon after.

On-call caregiving code mean providing a different service every time, whether giving a senior in need a ride to the doctor or helping them with yard work like trimming bushes or raking leaves. I receive a call every couple of weeks from Interfaith Volunteer Caregiving when someone close by needs help, and if I have the time, I will gladly accept the assignment, and if I am busy, I let them know that I cannot and that is fine. In fact, right before this interview, I gave a ride home to a senior after their dentist visit and on the way we stopped by the supermarket.

What I like about volunteer caregiving is the flexibility and convenience especially because I am a busy individual with my activities like golf, pickle ball and being with my kids. I appreciate that I can help people often close to my residence and only when I have the capacity, which makes the commitment agreeable. It is impactful as most of the people are struggling financially and they are very grateful for the help. Volunteering is a good way to give back to the community.

**Social media suggestions:**

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