



MIDWEST
FAMILY CARE

Care Through Community

MAY 2018 NEWSLETTER

Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence.

-Helen Keller



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Midwest Home Care is changing.

You may have noticed a few changes happening already, most notably our name. After a lot of soul-searching and thinking about where our values lie, we've decided to become

Midwest Family Care--

a decision that we feel emphasizes our commitment to the families and individuals in Dane County in need of care. The rebrand has allowed us to center our unique range of services within the home care industry as a part of our business. By providing in-home care for seniors, disabled adults, children, and teens, as well as an ongoing youth supervision and support service and the assisted living facility, Autumn Winds, we're truly committed to serving families at all stages of life.

The goal of this rebranding is to exemplify our founder's mission **"to see a world without the business of care."** It is the company's belief that care should be about families and communities coming together to be there for each other and that we should all teach and support each other through caregiving. We are dedicated to upholding this mission as it grows in presence and significance to our local community.

You may also have noticed our new look. We've got four new colors and an entirely new logo that we feel represents our values graphically, just as our new name represents them textually.

We hope you are just as excited as we are to start on this new journey as Midwest Family Care.



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*Only I can change my life.
No one can do it for me.*
-Carol Burnett

CAREGIVER OF THE MONTH

Connie C.

How many years have you been a caregiver?

Since April of 2011.

How did you become a caregiver?

I got my CNA and a classmate from Midwest told me about the company. I got started with a Job Center Representative, went through an assessment, and was scored high for being a caregiver.

What do you enjoy most about being a caregiver?

The satisfaction of making someone comfortable and happy in their own home and fulfilling their needs.

What advice can you give other caregivers?

Not only listen to the client, but pay attention to the details. It's the small things that make a big difference!



EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

*When you take care of yourself, you're
a better person for others. When you
feel good about yourself, you treat
others better.*

-Solange Knowles



TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



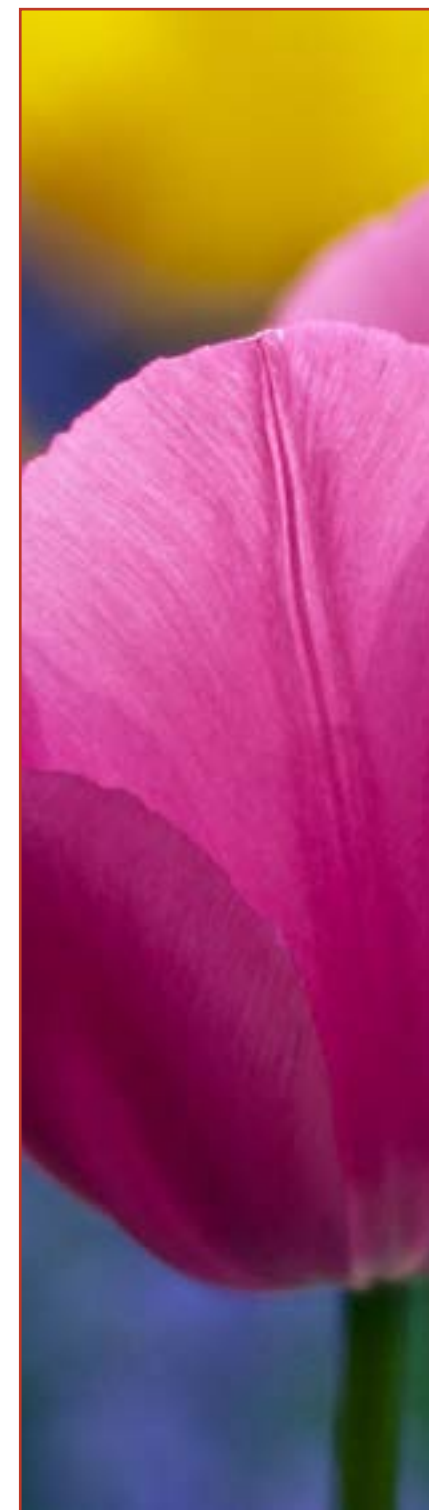
Training for New Caregivers

Starting soon for incoming caregivers, we'll be offering sensory trainings that provide a more in-depth experience in the world of caregiving.

These trainings will include sessions on chronic heart failure, diabetes, neuropathy, dementia, MS, Parkinson's, and ALS, all led by the team at Midwest Family Care. New caregivers will experience what it feels like to live with these conditions and more.

Current caregivers who are interested in these trainings should contact Michele Klee, our training nurse, at michele@midwesthomecare.com to find out more information about them.

If you have a suggestion for a kind of training you'd like to take or feel you need to more confidently perform your job, please e-mail Jes at jes@midwesthomecare.com.



EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLEARCARE CLOCK-INS

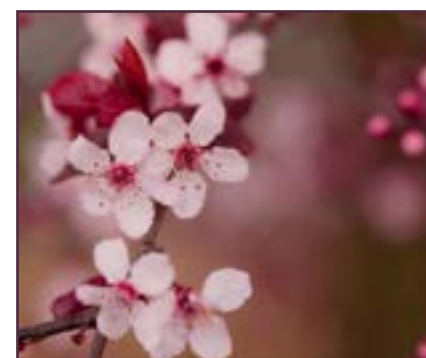
Please be sure to clock in using the ClearCare app or telephony system! If you have questions or are having issues with either the app or telephony, please contact Charnice at charnice@midwesthomecare.com to help you.

Shifts that are not clocked in for cannot be paid, so please be sure you are clocking in properly for your shifts.

HOW TO EARN RAFFLE TICKETS

- Like our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages
- Have no tardies
- Have perfect attendance
- Take an extra shift with no incentive
- Go above and beyond for your clients

Please contact a care coordinator if you have questions about how you can earn raffle tickets.





CAREGIVER SHOUT-OUTS

Melissa K. for your excellent work with Lucinda while she was in the hospital. Your patience and kindness is recognized.

From Diana to Cassie B.: Huge appreciation for all you do!

From Joan to Shelley W.: You go above and beyond! Amazing work.

Kim F.: The work you've done and the progress you've made with your husband is amazing and truly inspiring.

Anastasia O.: Thank you so much for all your fantastic work!

Shauna L.: Everyone really appreciates all the ways you exceed expectations every day.

All of our caregivers are truly amazing and hard-working, so each month we like to take the time to call out those who really shine. Thank you all so much for your excellent work in serving the families and individuals we work with.

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS



MAY BIRTHDAYS:

John D. - May 3rd
 Tamika S. - May 5th
 Rich Y. - May 6th
 Lenette C. - May 23rd
 Julie K. - May 23rd
 Connie C. - May 28th

MAY ANNIVERSARIES:

Maahkeezah R. - 3-year
 Amanda H. - 2-year
 John D. - 90-day
 Ann J. - 90-day
 Deborah B. - 90-day
 Tiffany H. - 90-day
 Mahogany T. - 90-day

*From caring comes
 courage.*

-Lao Tzu

CAREGIVER NEWS



[Governor Walker Signed Two Bills Providing Aid to Alzheimer's Patients](#)

On April 3rd, thanks to the efforts of the Wisconsin Alzheimer's Association and other citizens of the state, Governor Walker will sign two bills that help guardians of adults suffering from Alzheimer's disease and provide funding for Alzheimer's awareness grants. AB 629 and AB 632 are triumphs in the fight to provide better care and treatment for Alzheimer's disease while research continues for a cure.

[Long-Term Care Savings Plan Builds Momentum in Wisconsin](#)

On February 14th, our founder, Robert Weink, joined other advocates at the state capitol building to testify in support of Assembly Bill 596, a bill intended to provide a long-term care savings plan to Wisconsinites that does not require employment or a certain level of income to open. Authored by Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network (WAAN) member Ingrid Thompson, inspired by Wisconsin's Edvest College Savings Plan program, this bill brings crucial awareness to the issue of paying for long-term care.

[National Healthcare Decisions Day 2018 Emphasizes End-of-Life Care](#)

Last month, National Health Care Decisions Week emphasized the importance of end-of-life care and discussions centered around it. End-of-life care is a touchy subject among even the most stalwart of us. No one likes to think about their mortality or the mortality of their loved ones, but it's a reality we all have to face. It's always better to have the conversation before it's too late and risk losing the opportunity to provide the most comfort and care possible.

[Caregiver Interviews](#)

If you would like to share your experiences with us for our company blog, we would love to interview you! Please e-mail Jes, our social media and website coordinator, at jes@midwesthomecare.com to schedule either a traditionally transcribed interview or a video interview.

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