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## Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregiving Celebrates...

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Today, on Tuesday, November 29, 2016, the Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregiving (RCI) is participating in **#GivingTuesday**, a global day dedicated to giving. There's one day for thanks, two days for shopping, and now...a day for giving. We are asking you to join us in kicking off the giving season by making a difference in the lives of caregivers.

The RCI is committed to building quality long-term, home and community-based services for family, professional, and volunteer caregivers. Through evidence-based research, our programs are proven effective to improve the overall health and well-being of caregivers. We currently offer three confidential programs **free of charge**. **Your monetary gift** will enable us to offer valuable resources like these:

- **Operation Family Caregiver:** coaches families and friends of newly returning service members and veterans to manage difficult transitions. We have served approximately 300 military caregivers and our goal for 2017 is to increase that number to 350.
- **RCI REACH:** provides education, support, and skills building for caregivers of loved ones with Alzheimer's/related dementia which helps delay institutionalization. We currently have 27 sites across the country reaching hundreds of caregivers with anticipation to reach 200 or more in 2017.
- **BRI Care Consultation:** empowers individuals with Alzheimer's/related dementia *and* their caregivers to manage their own care situations through ongoing support and assistance. Having served over 800 families, we anticipate to serve 900 in 2017.

- **10 Tips for Caregivers Guide:** a booklet for caregivers compiled with our best advice to encourage and inspire hope. This free booklet is a popular resource for caregivers and is requested on a weekly basis by caregivers and agencies nationwide.

Help caregivers like Barbara McFarland who cares for both her parents with dementia, or Shelia Smith who cares for her five grandchildren with learning disabilities while battling thyroid cancer, or Henry McPhaul who cares for his sister while trying to manage his own memory problems, or Amber Creager who cares for her veteran husband suffering from PTSD.

We have made great progress establishing effective caregiver supports. However, we still have much more to do. With multiple programs operating at numerous sites across the country, **the RCI is a constantly expanding resource for caregivers.** We need your help to continue that growth. I hope you will consider supporting us in our important work. Your generous gift is greatly appreciated!

#### HELP SUPPORT OUR NATION'S CAREGIVERS!

Make a tax deductible donation in memory or honor of a loved one.

With best wishes,

**Dr. Leisa Easom**, Executive Director  
Rosallynn Carter Institute for Caregiving

**P.S.** Now's your chance to celebrate #GivingTuesday with **your gift to the Rosallynn Carter Institute for Caregiving!**

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