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Fearless Caregiver Profile

Join us as we celebrate Fearless Caregivers sharing personal stories as we care for our loved ones. Read this week's Fearless Caregiver Profile and feel free to add your profile as well, so we can learn from and share with our fellow caregivers.

KELLY PETRIN

How did you become the caregiver for your loved one?

I've been doing private care for 17 years

What is the hardest thing about being a caregiver and the most rewarding thing?

Losing a client. And being able to help others. [...more](#)

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FEATURED ARTICLE

Avoiding Drug Interactions

According to the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, more than 34 percent of seniors take medications prescribed by more than one physician and 72 percent take medications that were prescribed more than six months ago. This is one reason why caregivers need to be aware of the potential for drug interactions. There may be times when multiple medications are needed to manage symptoms or provide relief in some form. Interactions occur when medications don't work in tandem with one another and instead one of the drugs or both of them together adversely affect your loved one's health. [...more](#)

GUEST ARTICLE

Pity!? – What Children With Special Needs Really Need

By Helen Rauch-Elnekave

Children who are chronically ill, physically challenged, or who suffer from learning difficulties need our RESPECT, not our PITY. When we pity children, we feel sorry for them, indulge them and, in the process, actually show them disrespect. [...more](#)

CARETIPS

Funding a Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle

For most individuals seeking freedom and mobility, financial struggles can make things harder when trying to fund an adaptive vehicle.

OEM Rebate Programs

Original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) can sometimes offer rebate assistance to customers when they purchase handicap accessibility products. When looking to cut your costs, vehicle manufacturer programs is the way to go. With credits of up to \$1,000 being offered to families or individuals with disabilities purchasing an adaptive vehicle, this type of rebate can give you the economic boost you need to get back on the road. [...more](#)

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CARENOTES

From Ksenia in Jacksonville, NC:

I am taking care of my boyfriend and would like to know how to overcome some situations I cannot help him with. For example taking him down stairs in wheelchair.. [...more](#)

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