

Caregiver Connection

ANGEL COMPANIONS

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July is a month built around independence, and not just the kind we celebrate with cookouts and fireworks. Real independence is something your clients work to hold onto every single day, and you play a direct role in helping them keep it. This month, we're celebrating that work, honoring the caregivers who have made Angel Companions what it is, and sharing a few things to help you and your clients enjoy the summer ahead. Thank you for being the reason our clients can stay home, stay comfortable, and stay themselves.

Office Gossip

Welcome to Angel Companions Caregiver Portal

Your hub for training information & updates.

Betty Buckley Award Recipient

The Betty Buckley Award was created in honor of one of our beloved caregivers, Betty Buckley, whose compassion, dedication, and servant's heart left a lasting impact on the Angel Companions family. Betty Buckley embodied what it truly means to care. Showing up with patience, kindness, and unwavering commitment to every senior she served.



Our very own Jill is transitioning into retirement and heading to Florida! While July 2 was her last day as a full-time team member, Jill will still be helping us out on an as-needed basis. So don't be surprised if you still hear from her on the emergency line or about available shifts during busy times. We are so glad she is staying connected while she eases into this exciting new chapter. Wishing her all the sunshine and rest she deserves. 🌴

The Caregiver Portal is live and growing! If you have not logged in yet, now is a great time to explore what is there.

Here is what you will find:

- Training Center
- "How To" Video Library
- Employee Resources
- News and Updates, including past Caregiver Connection newsletters
- Study guides and CNA license renewal resources

Speaking of the portal, our **Betty Buckley Award winner** is posted there. Take a moment to read about who we are recognizing this quarter. This award exists to honor caregivers who go above and beyond, and the person we are highlighting this season has done exactly that.

Two ways to access the portal:

- Visit angelcompanions.us/caregiver-portal/ and enter password **Angel101**.
- Or go to our website, navigate to the Careers page, and click the button at the bottom of the page.

Betty Buckley Award Winner: *Maria Hinds*

We are proud to recognize Maria Hinds as this quarter's recipient of the Betty Buckley Award.

Maria joined Angel Companions in May 2011, and over the past fifteen years she has consistently put her clients first. Her shift counts speak for themselves: she has logged more than 1,225 shifts with one client, over 775 with another, and 572 with a third. That kind of consistency is rare, and it means everything to the families who count on her.

Most recently, Maria's work with one of her clients left a deep impression on our Case Management team. After her client lost his wife, he needed both emotional and physical support. Maria stepped into that role without hesitation. She worked to clear pathways throughout the home, organize the space, and prepare it for a professional cleaning, all while going days without air conditioning. She did it quietly, without seeking recognition, because that is simply who she is.

Maria, thank you for your compassion, your commitment, and fifteen years of exceptional care. You embody everything this award stands for, and you are an inspiration to every caregiver on this team.

Visit our Instagram to see us surprise her!



What is the Betty Buckley Award?

This award was created in memory of Betty Buckley, an extraordinary caregiver at Angel Companions whom we lost too soon.

In honor of Betty's dedication, compassion, and unwavering commitment to her patients, Angel Companions established this award to recognize caregivers who go above and beyond in their service.

♥ Caregiver Spotlight: *Lizzie Ngigi*

This month we are proud to recognize Lizzie Ngigi, one of Angel Companions' longest-serving caregivers. Lizzie joined our team on January 3, 2008, and has been providing compassionate care to our clients for more than 18 years.

When asked what has kept her at Angel Companions for so long, Lizzie simply reflected on the many years she has spent serving others and the relationships she has built along the way. ***Even while visiting family in Kenya, she took a few minutes to speak with us and share some of her memories.***

Lizzie remembers being interviewed by Phil and Bill when she first joined Angel Companions. Those early days marked the beginning of a remarkable caregiving journey that continues today.

When asked if there was a particular client who stood out over the years, Lizzie had a hard time choosing. Her answer was simple: "All are [her] favorites!" Her response reflects the genuine care and compassion she brings to every client she serves.

One thing Lizzie wishes people understood about caregiving is the patience it requires. She often hears people say, "You are so patient," or ask, "How are you so patient?" For Lizzie, patience is at the heart of caregiving. It allows caregivers to provide comfort, reassurance, and dignity to those who need it most.

Thank you, Lizzie, for your many years of dedication, kindness, and service. Angel Companions is fortunate to have you as part of our family, and we appreciate the difference you have made in the lives of so many clients and families over the years.

Share Your Story

Enter to Win a \$10 via Zelle!

We did not have a winner last month, but this month is another opportunity to win. Tell us something we all need to hear right now:

**If someone invites you to a
cookout, what are you bringing?**

Deadline: July 31

<https://forms.gle/znkRA1qgD4XQn4RB9>



Caregiver Tip: UV Safety

July is UV Safety Awareness Month, and sun protection isn't just about skin. Aging eyes are more sensitive to UV damage, and too much glare can increase the risk of cataracts over time. This applies to every client, regardless of whether their skin burns easily or not. UV rays affect everyone's eyes the same way. Before you head outside for a walk or a porch visit, grab a pair of sunglasses with UV protection for your client and encourage a wide-brimmed hat on bright days. It's a simple habit that protects their vision for the long run.



LET'S CELEBRATE!



Angelversaries

Rose O. | 7 Years
Afi U. | 4 Years
Astou D. | 3 Years
Nikki R. | 2 Years
Gladys A. | 1 Year
Kate A. | 1 Year
Kimberly C. | 1 Year



Birthdays

7/6 - Keyalonda F.
7/8 - Marie M.
7/8 - Rachel D.
7/8 - Melissa M.
7/9 - Sydney S.
7/9 - Natalie D.
7/10 - Sharon A.
7/13 - Claudette A.
7/20 - Janera L.



Caregiver Tip: Supporting Independence

Your job is to help, but help doesn't always mean doing the task. When you take over something a client can still do themselves, you take away a small piece of their independence too. This month, look for moments where you can step back instead of stepping in.

- Let them choose their own outfit, even if it takes longer or doesn't match.
- Hand them the coffee pot instead of pouring it for them.
- Match their pace on a walk instead of setting your own.

Small moments like these add up. They tell your client that their choices still matter, and that's a gift you can give every single day.



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Access Code:

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Our WeConnect program can help you focus on small steps that support steadier mental health. You can access it right from your phone, giving you care and support whenever you need it.

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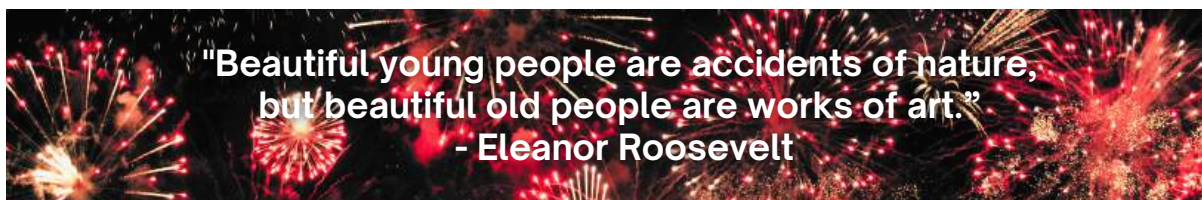
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Quote of the Month



"Beautiful young people are accidents of nature,
but beautiful old people are works of art."
- Eleanor Roosevelt

Thank you for reading!