



MAINE-LY ELDER CARE

Newsletter June 2013

DENISE'S PEN

Hello All!

Well, summer has finally arrived and in the last newsletter I talked about starting my garden, which is now all rototilled and awaiting seeds. I already have the seeds; I am going to plant-green beans, kale, corn, peas, beets, and many more. Maybe I am a bit overzealous about the garden, but I just love fresh wholesome vegetables, no pesticides, just good food. We hear a lot about the food we consume these days and I think knowing where our food comes from is important. My husband has been talking to me about this for quite some time now, and has managed to talk me into raising a lot of our own food. I came home last month to chickens- 30 of them in my front yard, the hen house and all (see picture of the chickens to the left). Last year we raised pigs! I was so reluctant to do this, but it has become a family affair, in which our seven year old daughter helps take care of the animals and after all that work we are blessed with organic food with no hormones, antibiotics, etc. So, I encourage all of you to start a garden and grow your own food, you'll be glad you did and will be much healthier.

In closing, I just want to say that I am so proud and blessed to be able to work with such great caregivers here at Maine-ly Elder Care. The work you do every day enables the seniors in our communities to live independently at home and enriches their lives- Thank You!!

Happy Father's Day!

~Denise

Deals! Deals! Deals!

June is a very exciting month for Maine-ly Elder Care. We have been working hard finding new deals/discounts for you! The following page details some of the newest savings opportunities for you. Funtown/Splashtown has given us a corporate discount you can use for some summer fun. Sam's club will be rewarding Maine-ly Elder Care employees for purchasing or renewing a Sam's club membership and Verizon is offering a discount on your monthly bill. (See page 2 for details)

As always, we have the Employee Broadcast that highlights some of the compliments the office has received in May about the awesome job the field staff is doing. We are excited reveal our newest section that will "Spotlight a Hero of the Heart." The winner will not only have perfect attendance for the prior month, but an admirable work record. This month's winner is Kayla Hawes!



FREE CERTIFICATION STILL AVAILABLE!!!!

Alzheimer's and Dementia is a rapidly growing disease that is having a large impact on the clients, their families and the communities we serve. These clients have very specific needs for their care, which you can help with. We are offering everyone a **FREE** 23 hour course for Alzheimer's and Dementia. This course is available online and can be done at your convenience. After completion of the course you will have the option to get a \$25.00 Gift card to either Hannaford or Irving Gas Station.

If you are interested, please contact Brie for details.

WHATS HAPPENING:

Blood Pressure Clinics: We will be doing FREE blood pressure screenings at the following locations for the month of June. There will be free blood pressure readings by a registered nurse, information and giveaways.

Hannaford: Skowhegan Fair Grounds Friday June 14th from 2:00pm to 4:00 pm

Hannaford: JFK Waterville June 20th 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Christian Caregivers Meeting – June 12th from 2pm to 3 pm. Join us for planning, prayer and fun! Refreshments provided.

Job Fair: Skowhegan Career Center- Friday June 21st from 11:00am to 1:00pm – Invite your friends!

Service Excellence Lunch: The 1st part of 2. We will be celebrating caregivers who have been with Maine-ly Elder Care for 5+ years. Lunch will be provided to them at Joseph's Fireside Steakhouse. There are so many we had to divide the group! Another Luncheon will take place in July.

Funtown/Splashtown Discounts

Enjoy your summer at Maine's favorite Amusement Park/Water Park. Maine-ly Elder Care has been lucky to receive a corporate discount. See below for prices. If you have any questions, please contact the office.



Pass Type	Combination		Funtown Ride Park		Splashtown Water Park
	All Day	After 3pm	All Day	After 3pm	All Day
Big (48" tall and taller)	\$27.00	\$27.00	\$21.00	22.00	\$20.00
Little (38" tall to under 48" tall)	\$27.00	\$19.00	\$21.00	16.00	\$20.00
Senior (60+ Years Old)	\$27.00	\$19.00	\$21.00	16.00	\$20.00

\$10 off at Sam's Club for all Employees!!!

For any employee who purchases or renews a Sam's Club Advantage Membership they will get a \$10.00 gift card. Employees who purchase or renew the Sam's Club Advantage Plus, they will receive a \$25.00 gift card. If interested, please see Brie for Details.

Verizon Discount

Ask the office about a discount on your Verizon mobile phone bill.

Discounts up to 22% and accessories 25%!

Creating Community Connections



Jeanne Boutin PSS with Raigan and Tonia and their sweet Mother's Day balloons. Thank you!



Laurie, RN and Jeannie, Intake Coordinator at the Shaw's Blood Pressure Clinic.



The Home Modifications crew is doing re-siding. Will be posting after pictures soon!



Christian Caregiver Dan Clark and Shawn are lending a hand to help construct the new Solon Women's Shelter.

Employee Broadcast

Employee Compliments

- A client's daughter called to compliment Christine Thomas PSS, she stated that "She feels so comfortable leaving when Christine is in the house. She knows that when she leaves, everything that needs to be done will get done and she will also socialize with her Mom. It's such a relief, Christine is the sweetest person."
- Another family member called to compliment the care team of Rose Webber, Christine Thomas and Paige Douglass.
- The Client stated the following: "Lynn (Smith) is wonderful, always on time and she does a good job, I don't have to tell her what to do, she just does everything. She's just really wonderful."
- During a recent supervisory visit a client stated the following: They're all good, they are heaven sent, if I didn't have them, I'd be in a nursing home." Way to go Jennifer Stockford, Brenda Hazelton and Sarah Furbush!

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Thank you to the following employees celebrating anniversaries this month. Your service and dedication is appreciated.

Amy Kivlin – 4 Years!
 Marilyn Farmer – 5 years!
 Rose Webber – 1 Year!
 Roberta Wyman – 1 Year!
 Darlene Staples – 7 Years!
 Belva Clark – 12 Years!
 Kirstyn Luttgens – 1 Year!

Spotlighting our Heroes of the Heart

Perfect Attendance winner and Hero of the Month is Kayla Hawes!

We have been lucky enough to have Kayla as a caregiver with Maine-ly Elder Care for almost four years now. Find out what makes Kayla so special.

What do you love about being caregiver?

"I love taking care of people and it makes me feel good when they are happy and taken care of." - Kayla is a natural caregiver, along with the work she does with us, she also cares for her young family members.

What hobbies do you enjoy?

" I love hiking, I have hiked Mt. Katahdin five times and Mt. Washington once. – Pretty impressive Kayla!

Kayla's long time client wanted to compliment the work she has done with his mother over the years. He stated, " She's excellent with my mother, she is the only one who can get her to do anything. There is nobody better!"

Not only does Kayla balance her schedule with us, but she lives on a dairy farm, finished phlebotomy school and is currently training to be a Medical Assistant. We are happy to report that she received straight A's in all of her studies last year.

Thank you for your continued service and dedication Kayla and keep up the great work!



Join us every Wednesday at 4:30pm on 93.5FM True Oldies for CEO Denise Stevens and Steve Colella's segment on aging with grace.



Employee Referral Bonus!

We would like to remind you that we are still offering our **Employee Referral Bonus** and we recognize that our employees are a great source for finding new staff. The rules are simple:

- For all referrals hired, Maine-ly Elder Care will give the referral source (YOU) a **\$50.00 bonus** after 90 days of employment.
- The new employee must work an average of twenty hours a week and remain in good standing with the company.
- In order for us to determine the referral source, please ask the applicant to list your name on their application.

We hope that all employees will take this opportunity to build the Maine-ly Elder Care team!

Thank you for all that you do.

WELCOME

We would like to welcome our newest PSS staff members. We look forward to your employment with us!



Jesse Damron PSS



Anne Peatfield PSS



Lydia Hayes PSS



Doris Gifford PSS



Jalyn Michaud PSS



Melissa O'Rourke PSS



Mike Clark PSS