

A Half-Century of Community Care



Visiting Homemaker HOME HEALTH AIDE SERVICE

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**VAN HOUTEN FOUNDATION AND WALLERSTEIN FOUNDATION FOR
GERIATRIC LIFE IMPROVEMENT BOTH AWARD \$10,000 GRANTS TO VISITING
HOMEMAKER SERVICE FOR EMERGENCY REPSITE PROGRAM**

HACKENSACK, NJ....The Stella C. and Edward A. Van Houten Foundation and the Wallerstein Foundation for Geriatric Life Improvement have both awarded grants of \$10,000 to Visiting Homemaker Home Health Aide Service of Bergen County in order to establish an emergency respite care service. This new program will assist people in Bergen County (or who have elderly relatives living in Bergen County) who find themselves in an emergency situation where they have to juggle caring for a family and remaining on a job with caring for a newly-sick or injured family member. This service will provide the new caregivers with needed breaks by providing temporary care on a part-time basis to frail, elderly adults who have recently become unable to live independently due to a fall, a newly-diagnosed illness, or a sudden vision problem. This caregiving will involve providing the patient with assistance with activities of daily living and provide linkages to community services that offer financial assistance,

Visiting Homemaker Home Health Aide Service has been serving the Bergen County community since 1954. In carrying out the agency's mission *To provide in home assistance and caregiver support, enabling families and individuals to remain safe at home*, certified home health aides have helped thousands of families and individuals remain in their homes,

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preventing premature institutionalization. Corporate sponsors, foundations, grants, fees for service, and individual donations support the agency's mission

Stella C. Van Houten resided in Bergen County, New Jersey. This foundation, providing funding for health and human services, education, education of medical professionals, and the care of children, was established in 1978 in memory of her husband and herself. The Van Houten fund supports agencies, institutions and services in Passaic and Bergen Counties, New Jersey, having to do with the care or cure of sick or disabled persons or for the care of orphaned children or aged persons.

The Wallerstein Foundation for Geriatric Life Improvement, headquartered in West Orange, NJ, provides funds for programs that benefit senior citizens. When he awarded this grant, Foundation President Melvin J. Wallerstein told Visiting Homemaker Home Health Aide Service that he is glad to help alleviate a difficult situation for both senior citizens and their children, and to provide care and comfort to both generations at the time of greatest need.

For more information on the Emergency Respite Program or the services of Visiting Home Health Aide Service of Bergen County, call Susan McGibney, Executive Director at (201) 488-0041 or visit their website at www.vhsbc.com.

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