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Helping those who care for family and friends

The number of caregivers in our country is growing. In Wisconsin, there are over 500,000 caregivers that provide about 558 million hours of service each year.

The average age of an individual taking care of someone over the age of 55 is 47 years old. Approximately 10% of employed families change from full-time employment to part-time employment to be able to deal with their caregiving responsibilities.



United Way in Waukesha County working with community volunteers developed specific strategies that will enable:

- The community to have an increased awareness of the needs associated with caregiver support.
- Caregivers to obtain information and support in dealing with the care of others.
- Employers to better understand the caregiving needs of employees who act as caregivers and find ways to help them.

United Way's vision for this initiative is:
"Waukesha County is a place where caregivers of seniors receive the respect and appreciation they deserve and the help they need to be successful."

Caregiving can have an enormous impact on families and businesses. The total estimated cost to employers for full-time employees with intense caregiving responsibilities is in the billions.

The whole community benefits when caregiving works well for both caregivers and the persons receiving care.

To learn more about Caregiver Support, visit United Way's website at:
www.unitedwaywaukesha.org