



Just the idea of helping someone in need is a reward in itself.

Mary is a very caring woman who understands the importance of giving back to her community. Each week she provides friendly, caring visits to Toni, visits that go far beyond a quick hello. Their friendship is reflected in the compassion and support Mary brings to Toni's life.

Mary first became involved with Toni through her work with Hospice. She helped take care of Toni's husband until his death. At a devastating time like this, good friends are needed and Toni found one in Mary, her CareGiver volunteer. Visiting Toni on a weekly basis, Mary provides emotional support and oversees Toni's physical needs. She checks to be sure medications are taken, that rehabilitation is ongoing. In giving back, Mary has gained a friend for life.



Toni has lived through a great deal in her 92 years. Without any immediate family, she found herself having to cope with the illness and death of her husband to cancer. She needed a good friend through these hard days, and Mary was always there for her. Their relationship has gone through the difficult times in Toni's life but Toni knows that whatever happens, Mary will be there to support her.

Certainly the knowledge that you always have a friend is important to all of us, whatever our age. The caring work of Mary and other CareGiver volunteers demonstrates the vital role friendship and compassion play in our lives.

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