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### **Respite Volunteers:**

Respite Volunteers offer relief to non-paid, primary caregivers for approximately four (4) hours, once a week.

### **Requirements:**

Respite Volunteers need:

- A pleasant and helpful manner,
- The ability to maintain client confidentiality.

### **Specific Duties:**

- After being contacted by a Phone Volunteer, the Respite Volunteer calls the caregiver and sets up an appointment.
- The volunteer obtains the contact number from the primary caregiver in the event of an emergency.
- The volunteer sits with the client and tends to general needs, for example, the volunteer may:
  - Offer companionship and conversation,
  - Assist with reading,
  - Watch television or movies with the client,
  - Answer the door,
  - Play games and cards,
  - Serve meals that have been previously prepared.
- Volunteers are not responsible for
  - Medical duties,
  - Meal preparation,
  - Cleaning,
  - Pet care,
  - And other non-respite care.

A more detailed job description is available and a FISH volunteer coordinator will meet with the volunteer for an orientation before he or she begins working as a respite volunteer.