

Your Donations at Work: Unsolicited Client Quotes

"I can't thank you enough for all you do. You have helped me a great deal, not only with your referrals and sound advice but just listening to me and being kind, patient, and understanding. For checking up on me and following through." Thank you for being so gracious. SH – Family Caregiver

"I am grateful for the respite care you provided me earlier this year. It allowed me to spend more time being a brother and less time just being a caregiver to him and my mother." GH – Family Caregiver

"My wife has Alzheimer's. I am writing to acknowledge how thankful and appreciative we are for the wonderful care we have received from the people at SCRC. The consultant was very knowledgeable and helped us receive temporary relief. It has meant a great deal to us. It provided me relief and has done wonders for my wife's spirit. Our lives are a little less stressful." RD – Family Caregiver

"Your professional, friendly manner put me at ease and I especially appreciate your knowledge and expertise in caregiver and the many challenges we face. I'm so fortunate you're the individual I got to see. You listen with your heart and you care about helping others. I am grateful to you. I now feel validated and hopeful." MJ – Family Caregiver

"It's an honor to be a caregiver and you want to be the best. But you need guidance. The care receiver is on a journey and as the caregiver; you go on that journey with them. There's no manual that can tell you step-by-step how to do things, especially when things are constantly changing. It's wonderful to be able to partner with SCRC on this journey." SG – Family Caregiver

"I am so grateful for your service to us in the '80s. My husband passed away in 1994. I continue to share your *Wavelengths* newsletter with others in need. Congratulations on your 30 years of providing love and understanding." MD – Family Caregiver

"It's hard to express how much I appreciated being able to talk with you [Family Consultant] on Friday. Being a caregiver is new uncharted territory for most people and feeling so alone and ill prepared can be paralyzing at times. You were such a blessing to me. I know now I can get help going through this process. I can talk to others who understand all of these roller coaster feelings and I can be a more loving support to my husband by taking care of myself too. I am just so grateful for you and your time and your wonderful organization." KF – Family Caregiver

"I attended the REACH session and I just wanted to bring to your attention the wonderful experience this has been to me (I am sure each and every single participant feels the same). The REACH instructor gave us the tools we needed to give the best of us to our loved ones with dementia and/or other special needs. We were very fortunate to have somebody like Miriam as our instructor of these classes. Alzheimer's disease is just so difficult to understand. Miriam taught us exactly what we needed to know to improve our relationships and to see things with a new perspective. I am already seeing good changes in my relationship with my 81 years old mother because I am using everything I learned in the REACH classes." PC – Family Caregiver

"I attended to REACH classes and learned so many things after just the first class. I started feeling different, I started making changes in my relationship with my mother and with myself. I hope they never cut funds to provide these classes. Only we, the persons living this sad situation knows the value of the classes and hope that others can participate as well." JM – Family Caregiver

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EV – Family Caregiver.

“When Lynne was diagnosed with Frontal Temporal Dementia, I knew things would change dramatically. The doctor even warned me that Lynne would soon lose her ability to write and speak. I knew Lynne’s loss of speech would be tough because we shared everything and we truly enjoyed our talks. Then it happened Lynne could no longer speak. I could see the frustration in Lynne’s eyes, and I plunged into a major depression. I turned to SCRC for counseling. My counselor helped me focus on the positive – what Lynne could still do and what we could still enjoy together. The sessions inspired me to develop our own non-verbal communication system which worked for us until her last breath. This was a lifesaver for both of us. The emotional support the counselor provided helped me cope and be a better caregiver instead of drowning my head in sorrow.” KF – Family Caregiver

“Respite means hope to me. It allows me to care for my mother without losing my total self. It is a light in pitch darkness. Respite means a break; a chance to take a deep breath and care for myself so that I can better care for my mother. It saves us both. Without respite, I would be lost, depressed, full of despair, fatigue beyond belief and mentally unstable. Respite means peace of mind. It means I am not alone. It allows me time to recharge so that I can go on. Respite is something we could not live without and keep smiling. Respite is priceless!” LW – Family Caregiver

“Thank you for your help in finding resources, answering questions and offering support; it allowed me to care for my husband at home until the end.” KB – Family Caregiver

“It broke my heart when my mom could no longer walk, when she could no longer get out of bed without being lifted by my brother and me. My eyes welled up with tears the last time she was able to sit up and taste the sweetness of her favorite cookie as she dunked it in her coffee, “how wonderful,” she said in a belabored soft voice as she smiled at my sister and I in her backyard garden. The grief and loss that came with caring for mom was so unbelievably overwhelming. I could handle the physical care, but I was not prepared for the emotional rollercoaster.”

“Fortunately, I turned to Southern Caregiver Resource Center. My Family Consultant taught me how to communicate effectively with my brothers and sisters, hold productive meetings that not only helped us coordinate good care for mom, but enabled us to support one another instead of arguing over differences of opinions in her care. I participated in the counseling program (which I never imagined I would need) that really helped me deal with my emotions as I watched mom quickly decline. Mom recently passed away at home, and it has been a devastating loss for everyone. But I am so thankful for the help we received. This journey could not have been done without the support of SCRC. My family and I are forever indebted.” Roy – Family Caregiver.