

## VOLUNTEER CAREGIVERS

### Who We Serve:

Volunteer Caregivers provide services for individuals who are isolated, frail, disabled, or elderly. Volunteer Caregivers relies on community support and volunteers to provide basic, free of charge services that enable residents who are elderly or disabled to remain independent.

### Services Provided:

- Transportation and escort to medical appointments and stores
- Help with shopping and errands
- Telephone reassurance

### Applying:

Anyone may recommend a person to be considered to receive Volunteer Caregivers. Some of our referrals come from friends, hospitals, Visiting Nurses Association (VNA), AOASCC, Home Care Agencies or the clients themselves. To receive services, call the Elderly Services Department at 203-736-5420 Ext. 4225. At the time of the referral call, a staff member from our Elderly Department will obtain information about the client's health as well as his/her date of birth, social security number, doctor's name and phone number, emergency contact persons and phone numbers, and other information. The Elderly Staff has to interview the client on a home visit prior to the start of service.

**Eligibility Requirements:** To be eligible for Volunteer Caregivers, a person must be disabled or over 60 years of age and reside in Ansonia, Derby, Oxford, Shelton, or Seymour. Priority is given to those who are frail and have a low income.



**Fee:** Although we do not charge for our services, we do accept donations from those we help. We also seek ongoing support through contributions from congregations, individuals, community groups and corporations. A portion of the actual cost for this service is provided through a grant from the Agency on Aging of South Central Connecticut (AOASCC).