

# In-Home Respite Services



In-Home Respite makes it possible for families to keep their loved one in their home longer. Professional caregivers provide daily assistance to ensure a person's needs are met. They cook, clean, grocery shop and help their care recipients with personal care tasks like bathing, dressing and grooming.

Don and Nancy Hart live on a lake in Irons, located in northern Lake County. It's the lake that Nancy grew up on since she was five years old. When Nancy and Don retired, they made their cottage their permanent residence. Both in their 80s now, Don cannot perform all of the tasks that Nancy requires to be able to continue residing in their lakeside home. Nancy's caregivers through Baldwin Family Health Care provide the assistance she needs to remain at home with her husband. Nancy says, "Without Darla and my other workers, I would have to go to a nursing home." Don agrees, "We are able to enjoy being together in our own home - that's the main thing. If we were in a nursing home, we might not be able to be together doing what we want to do."

Melissa cares for her grandfather, Robert, near Newaygo. Melissa has a full-time career, which helps supplement the cost of her grandfather residing in his own home. As he states, "I built it; I'd like to keep living in it." In order for this to happen, Robert receives in-home respite care through Baldwin Family Health Care. "To know that I can go to work and focus on my job is a big relief," Melissa describes, "I feel like I can just breathe easy with Kristi here." Kristi, Robert's professional caregiver, cooks his meals, assists with Robert's grooming, keeps the house tidy and even feeds his cat. Robert says, "The best thing is I'm still alive. You can't beat the care I get."

In-Home Respite, provided by partners listed below, make a significant impact on a person's ability to remain independent. It also impacts family caregivers, allowing spouses and families to remain together longer.



Family Health Care

