

VNA helps families with home health care

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The holiday season is a special time for families to be together. When you or someone you love is in need of home health care, the Visiting Nurse Association will be there to help your loved ones stay in or return safely to their homes.

The VNA provides home health care, including skilled nursing, maternity and newborn services, home care aides and homemakers, physical therapy, speech pathology, medical social services, tele-health monitoring, lifeline personal response system, and automatic medication dispensers. We also provide community wellness services throughout Johnson County.

The Visiting Nurse Association is grateful to receive funding through the United Way of Johnson County. The funding subsidizes patients who are uninsured or under-insured. Unlike other homecare agencies, the VNA serves a high percentage of patients who would otherwise not be able to receive homecare services. Many of our patients, if not seen by the VNA, would have to be placed in assisted living or extended care facilities.

The VNA prides itself in providing outstanding health care to our clients every day. The story of one of our clients, Anne Peacock, shows how important the VNA is in our community. Anne's mother had a wound that needed care after surgery. Anne is a registered nurse but knew she needed help for her mother's dressing changes.

She remembers: "I couldn't always be home to do the necessary dressing changes. The VNA nurses came to my home, did a very thorough assessment of our needs, provided teaching and reinforcement, and came until Mom's wound was healed. The care my mother received during that experience was excellent. The kindness, gentleness, knowledge and professionalism of all of the VNA nurses is outstanding."

In June, Anne needed the VNA again. She had an open surgical wound that she was not able to care for on her own. She says, "Knowing the VNA nurses were coming to my home helped motivate me. The nurses were a source of human warmth and contact when one can feel quite lonely and isolated. The VNA nurses are a morale booster on many levels, and they were always upbeat. I can tell you with the utmost sincerity, honesty and enthusiasm that the VNA nurses are shining examples of the very best in professional nursing!"

The Visiting Nurse Association is a nonprofit homecare agency that was established in 1949. VNA is a United Way partner agency, and has been a Medicare certified home health agency since 1965. We have been accredited by Accreditation Commission for Health Care Inc. since 2003. Our mission is to improve the quality of life by assisting individuals and family members to the highest level of health and independent living possible.

As the holidays approach, we hope you will reflect on your blessings of good health and prosperity. Know that if you find yourself or a loved one in need of home health care, the Visiting Nurse Association will be happy to assist you and your family.