

Second Family—

What to expect as a Caregiver!

Steps to take to be a part of our Second Family program

## **Registration Process:**

- 1. Must register prior to being assigned to a Care Team<sup>®</sup>.
- 2. CarePartners Coordinator will complete initial registration via phone to determine eligibility.
- 3. After eligibility is approved, CarePartners Coordinator will schedule a home visit to finalize the registration process.
- 4. Must provide detailed information about individual who is homebound or needs in-home assistance, including diagnosis.
- 5. You will be assigned to one of our partnering congregations that offers the Second Family program. As a caregiver you will receive complimentary respite hours while your loved one is provided support by our Second Family Care Team<sup>®</sup>. Volunteers are in pairs.

## Do's & Don'ts:

- 1. We do not provide skilled care such as nursing, homemaker, attendant, hospice or personal care service.
- 2. Home visits may include: socializing, visiting, reading, exercise, music, laughter ..... and limited transportation with errands.



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## Second Family Program:

- You're registered for the Second Family program! You will receive communication from our Volunteer Care Team<sup>®</sup> regarding your initial volunteer visit. Volunteers are encouraged to communicate with you on a regular basis.
- 2. The first time volunteers come to your home, we encourage you to make them feel welcome.
- 3. You are welcome to stay with your loved one or leave them with the volunteers, if appropriate. This is your respite, you choose how you would like to use it.
- 4. In case of emergencies, you must be available by phone if you are leaving your home.
- 5. Be respectful of the volunteers timeframe and return home at the time agreed upon.

## **CarePartners Coordinator Expectations:**

- A CarePartners Coordinator is assigned to you and your Second Family Care Team<sup>®</sup> and is available to assist you with education, resources and support.
- 2. Communication from a CarePartners Coordinator or Volunteer is frequent due to the monitoring of your loved one during the program.