



About the Program

Parkinson Partners is pleased to work with Bright Star Care in order to provide respite care services to those living in Erie County. Thanks to a generous grant from the Hamot Health Foundation's Parkinson Care Fund, Parkinson Partners can offer free respite care service for approximately 20 hours a year. Bright Star Care will provide qualified caregiver services for your loved one in the comfort and security of their own home. This benefit can be renewed each year; however, unused hours do not carry over. This program provides the opportunity for the primary caregiver to leave the house knowing that your loved one is still receiving the very best care in your absence. Staying involved in outside activities not only provides the primary caregiver with much needed relief, it also helps prevent caregiver burnout.

Parkinson Partners of NW PA
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The Parkinson Respite Care Program Provides

- \$500 a year (July 1st – June 30th) towards home care so the current caregiver can receive some “me time” to engage in their own interest and hobbies, without having to worry about their loved one.
- Peace of mind knowing that your caregiver is an employee of Bright Star Care who has been screened, hired, trained, insured and bonded.
- A dedicated staff available to assess your loved one and answer questions related to care concerns.
- Maintain continuous care in their own environment.
- Personalized one-on-one interaction.
- Care delivered by knowledgeable caregivers, who were trained in caring for individuals with PD.
- Observation and/or assistance for safe transfers and ambulation.
- Care focused to provide optimal wellness, independence and dignity.



Getting Started

Each participant must complete an application for enrollment. Applications can be requested by calling Parkinson Partners at 814.899.3030 or it can be downloaded from Parkinson Partners' website, www.parkinsonpartners.org. Once the application has been reviewed, Bright Star Care will contact the client to set up a free in-home assessment. From this assessment, an overview of services will be developed and provided by Bright Star Care. The complimentary respite care hours will be scheduled by the primary caregiver with shifts being a minimum of two hours in length.

About Bright Star Care

Bright Star Care is a non-medical home care agency that provides assistance with daily living activities along with the important social interaction needed to help adults stay healthy, happy and at home. Services include but are not limited to personal care (bathing, toileting, dressing, grooming etc.), transportation, medication reminders, home support (vacuuming, dusting, laundry, ironing etc.), meal preparation, ambulatory and transfer assistance, Alzheimer's, dementia and Parkinson's care, respite care and more.


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HOME CARE | MEDICAL STAFFING
A Higher Standard

***Providing Hope and
Help for the Parkinson's
Community since 1992***

Parkinson Partners' Mission Statement

To encourage, educate and support Parkinsonians, their caregivers and loved ones as they cope with the challenges of Parkinson Disease. Exploring better resources, better services and better outcomes for the Parkinson Disease patient.

Contact Us

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Parkinson Partners Respite Care Program

If you feel overwhelmed by the daily responsibilities of caring for a loved one who has Parkinson's Disease, our Respite Care program allows caregivers "time off" to address their own needs while a substitute caregiver tends to the needs of their loved one with PD. Parkinson Partners of Northwestern PA has established a relationship with Bright Star Care in order to provide respite care services in Erie County.

PARKINSON PARTNERS RESPITE CARE PROGRAM APPLICATION

The Parkinson's Respite Care Program will provide \$500 (approximately 20 hours), renewable annually in July. After receiving your application and determining your eligibility, it will be forwarded to our partner Bright Star Care of Erie who will staff the program. A representative from the agency will contact you to schedule a free in-home assessment. Transportation services are available, but if the agency caregiver has to utilize their own vehicle, there is an additional 55 cents per mile charge. The mileage fee will be covered by the \$500 grant, but will reduce the number of hours you receive.

**Please mail application to:
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814-899-3030**

CLIENT/CAREGIVER INFORMATION

Client's Name		Phone	
Caregiver's Name		Phone	
Client Address			
City		State	Zip

CLIENT PERSONAL DATA

Age	Number of Household Members	Pets
Neurologist's Name		Neurologist's Phone
Primary Language	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
Marital Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed		
Primary Diagnosis _____		
What type of assistance do you require? <i>(Please check all that apply.)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Standing <input type="checkbox"/> Walking <input type="checkbox"/> Eating <input type="checkbox"/> Toileting <input type="checkbox"/> Speaking <input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(please specify)</i>		

QUESTIONS FOR CAREGIVER

How will the Respite Care Program help you?

What are the client needs in the home?

What are your preferences for Respite Care? Weekday Weekend

I understand that the caregiver's purpose is to provide companion care. Caregivers are not to complete financial paperwork or conduct monetary transactions. I understand that services are provided in two-hour minimum increments. Furthermore, if additional services are desired over the approved \$500 grant amount, it will become my (client) sole financial responsibility.

Client Signature

Date