



HELLO  
NEIGHBORS

The story "More Like Family" is a heartfelt reminder of how our volunteers brighten the lives of seniors in our community. There are currently six people desperately waiting for a friend, just like you. When you help someone in need, you will be blessed in ways you never imagined. Thank you for supporting us as a volunteer or with your financial gifts. You are an answer to our prayers.

*Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can!*  
—John Wesley

Jamey Henderson  
Executive Director

## CALENDAR

Jefferson Manor Charity Dinner, Meat Loaf: last one this year	Aug 28 4:30—6 p.m.
Annual Fall Banquet, 1st Christian Church	Sept 23, 5:30 p.m.
Advisory Board meeting Main St. UMC	Oct 14, 7:45 a.m.
Health Fair—Kokomo Event Center	Oct. 21, 8 a.m.—6 p.m.

# Neighbor to Neighbor

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## More Like Family...

When I first sat down to interview Mary Jo, I knew I was in for a treat. A beautiful woman with sparkling silver hair and a gleam in her eye, she told me a story that was incredibly touching.

Mary Jo has been driving Lee for over 2 years. She has dementia and needs a lot of reinforcement about her current surroundings. However, question after repeated question, Mary Jo always keeps her patience because, as she says, "God gives us patience and joy in these situations."

Mary Jo and Lee have become



more like family than merely client / volunteer. Mary Jo has been invited to several family functions and has forged a relationship with them. "It has to be about more

than just driving a person. The clients need to be made to feel special." She thinks the best way to accomplish that goal is for the same volunteer to drive the same client, this way the pair can get to know one another on a deeper level. Mary Jo said emphatically, "This is not a job. They are not a burden. Their lives are a blessing!"

Mary Jo and Lee have become connected and attached to each other. Mary Jo stated that she feels a void in her heart when Lee is not able to get out for their weekly visits. Mary Jo believes in the service she is doing. "What we do provides more than transportation. It provides a better quality of life."

Lee's daughter, Leeann, had wonderful things to say about Mary Jo. "I can't express enough how much help Mary Jo has given me and how much we appreciate her," she told me. "She goes beyond what I had expected. She really cares about my mom and our family." Leeann expressed

how important Samaritan Caregivers is to the community and especially to her and her mother's life.

Mary Jo sums up the whole reason behind what Samaritan Caregivers provides for its clients: Family, Friendship, Love.

Thank you, Mary Jo and all of our volunteers, for helping make a difference in the lives of our clients and their families. You are appreciated more than words can say.

If you want to change a life, visit [www.samaritancaregivers.org](http://www.samaritancaregivers.org) or stop by 2705 S. Berkley Road, Suite 3C, across from Kokomo High School. You can become part of a family that will appreciate your help more than you will ever know.

Marisa Mullett—  
Samaritan Caregiver Volunteer

Find us on...



## Make a Lasting Difference

- Live near Pumpkin Vine Pike? Available on Wed. mornings? Run errands and read mail for a woman in her 90's with poor vision.
- A woman in her 80's would love a weekly visitor on Wednesday afternoons. She lives near South Washington and once enjoyed sewing.
- A former Red Hat lady in her 70's is requesting an occasional visitor in her home near W. Alto. She enjoys watching CSI & House.
- Enjoy using a computer and answering telephone calls? Our office has a critical & immediate opening for an office assistant, on Friday, 8am—noon. Training will be provided. Come join our team!

Call 453-7611 or sign up at [www.samaritancaregivers.org](http://www.samaritancaregivers.org).

### Office Needs

- Bottled Water
- Kleenex
- Clorox Disinfecting Wipes
- Swiffer Sweeper Wet Cloths
- Swiffer Dry Sweeping refills
- Clorox Toilet Wand & refills
- Tall kitchen trash bags
- Paper towels-Good Quality
- Copy paper
- Scotch Tape (refills for dispensers or regular)

# DUCK DERBY



Capacity crowd at Kokomo Beach  
2800 slices of Papa John's Pizza  
Perfect weather  
Over 60 Papa Ducks



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January 8, 2010 thru July 31, 2010*

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### **FRIEND: \$25-\$249**

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# Samaritan Caregivers Neighborhood

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## Memorials & Honorariums May 1, 2010 - July 31, 2010

### **In Memory of Dick Wandle**

Milt & Pat Bevington  
Robert & Pamela Tuffley  
Mark & Pat Uilkinson

### **In Memory of Fred Carnes**

Jim & Marvel Butcher

### **In Memory of Dr. Richard Brown**

Fred & Patricia Dorisse

### **In Memory of Sarah Ferries**

Leonard & Maureen Felkey

### **In Memory of Dean Ousley**

Elmer & Marita Hileman

### **In Memory of Ralph Pollock**

Phillip & Joan Lake

### **In Mem-**

### **ory of**

### **June Schrader**

Edgar & Joan Stevens

### **In Memory of Vivian Lawwill**

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### **In Memory of Junior Brown**

Larry & Shirley Nix

### **In Honor of Kathy Cofield**

Bill & Lyn Shirley

### **In Memory of Jeanne Forkner**

Charles & Susan Lebo

### **In Memory of Julie Slate**

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### **In Memory of Grant Hayes**

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Andy Roller  
Dr. Dawn Sabau & Mike Augustyn  
Marilyn Skinner

### **In Memory of William Sahn**

Ralph & Ruth Reddersdorf  
Marge Reising

### **In Memory of Charlene Harvey**

Brenda Snow

### **In Memory of Virginia Woodworth**

Kay Spencer

**If your name has been omitted or is listed incorrectly, please call our office at 453-7611, so that we can correct our records and give you proper recognition. THANK YOU SO MUCH.**



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☆ MISSION STATEMENT ☆

*Samaritan Caregivers utilizes volunteers to provide free, non-medical help to residents of Howard County who are 50 or older to maintain independent living.*



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## Did You Know???

We recently said farewell to Polly Conner, who served for nearly three years as our Transportation Scheduler/Adm. Asst. Her friendly demeanor and sweet spirit will be missed by everyone that she helped in so many ways. We also welcomed to that position, Teresa Simpson, an Ivy Tech intern during the spring semester this year. Her degree in Human Services with a specialty in Gerontology will be a valuable addition to our staff. Blessings to both Polly and Teresa!

Snowbirds, you can help us save postage by telling us your winter address and when you expect to be away.

Samaritan Caregivers was awarded \$4025 in Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP) credits for July 2010—June 2011. Make a contribution of at least \$100 to Samaritan Caregivers during this time period and receive 50% of your donation as a tax credit on your IN State taxes. All credits were disbursed by early Dec. in 2009. Call Teresa, at 453-7611 to give your gift before this incentive is gone.

Mark your calendar now for the annual Fall Banquet, Thursday, Sept. 23 at First Christian Church. This is a heartwarming opportunity to recognize volunteers, friends and donors and hear firsthand about how our volunteers touch so many lives. Watch for your invitation after Labor Day. Plan now to come and bring a friend! Thanks so much, First Christian Church!

Samaritan Caregivers is a proud member agency of the Howard County United Way. Thank you in advance for giving to this year's United Way campaign. Live United!