

# Village Caregiving

*Keeping your heart at home*



Nathan Duke (second from right) relaxes on the back deck with staff of Village Caregiving LLC along with his son, Greg and dog Sophie. At left are Alisha Patrick, CNA, and Steve Staffileno, executive director of Village Caregiving.

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If you are considering a local non-medical facility, give Village Caregiving LLC a call.

Greg Duke, whose father Nathan Duke is a client of Village Caregiving, said he highly recommends the service.

"I'm happy with the program," Duke said. "I take care of my father full time and having someone come in is helpful to me," he said.

Duke's father is a Vietnam Veteran. Village Caregiving is a locally owned and

operated non-medical home health care agency with locations in West Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky and Pennsylvania.

It was founded in 2013, opened an office in Clarksburg in 2018, and one in Morgantown in April.

Steven Staffileno, executive director of Village Caregiving, said in-home care is an option that allows individuals to stay in their own homes longer than they could do otherwise.

"People want to stay in their homes. That's

where they're most comfortable," Staffileno said. "We get a lot of concerned calls from people asking if we can be there for an elderly relative. It helps family members to know their relative is receiving good care and living a happy and healthy life."

He said the daily living services provided by the caregivers include help with activities such as eating, bathing, toileting, dressing, getting up and down and moving around, light cleaning and housework, transportation to appointments, errands and medication reminders.

Other services range from hands-on personal care to simple companionship care.

"Our caregivers are very caring people. I believe choosing this type of work speaks volumes about the type of people they are," Staffileno said.

He said services can be as simple as a few hours a day, or as much as 24/7 around-the-clock care.

"We try to be as flexible as possible," Staffileno said. "I believe we make lives better by providing some respite care."

Respite care provides temporary relief for a primary caregiver, enabling them to take a break, go shopping, exercise or get some much needed rest.

He said every caregiver has been given background checks at both the state and federal level. Employment histories, driving histories and personal and professional references have been checked.

"I wouldn't send anyone into a client's home that I wouldn't send into one of my relative's homes," Staffileno said. "Above all else we want to make sure our clients are safe and comfortable in their homes."

He said he believes Village Caregivers offers the lowest rates in the area. He said the cost can be as low as \$19 per hour.

Staffileno said there are no down payments or contracts required, and rates do not change during weekends, holidays or nights.

Payment can be by made by check or by automatic ACH transfers from a checking account.

"We'll also bill third-party payers, such as long-term care insurance, Medicaid age and disability waivers, VA benefits, long term care policies and long-term disability policies or other benefits," he said.

For more information about Village Caregiving go to <http://www.VillageCaregiving.com>. On Facebook at Village Caregiving Morgantown WV, or call 681-285-2555.

*Bringing care to where comfort is:*

# YOUR OWN HOME

Servicing the Greater Morgantown Area & Southwestern PA

## Services offered:

- Transporting to activities and appointments
- Routine housework and light cleaning
- Meal preparation • Hygiene and toileting
- Bathing, showering, and bed bath
- Dressing and undressing
- Turning, transferring, exercising, and walking
- Self-administered medication reminders
- Errands and shopping • Caring for pets
- ABOVE ALL - Keeping loved ones safe and comfortable at home

## Our caregivers are:

- Drug tested
- Background checked
- Trained
- Experienced

## Benefits:

- Consistency in caregivers
- 24/7 in-home care available
- No deposit required
- No contract required
- Managers available at all times
- RN visits available

## Village Caregiving accepts:

- Private payment
- Medicaid aged & disabled waiver
- Veterans homemaker benefits
- Long-term care insurance
- Various others, call for details

## Affordable flat rate for all:

- Days
- Nights
- Weekends
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