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Sister Rita Martin has been a faithful volunteer in the Senior Companion Program for 13 years. She has been visiting Ruth King ever since Ruth's husband passed away in 2003. I sat down with both of them recently to find out how their friendship has grown over the years through our program.

I asked Ruth, “What does Sister Rita mean to you?” Her face lit up as she replied, “I look forward to each and every visit. We have become such good friends. Sister Rita has never missed a visit in almost 11 years. She is good to me.”

I then asked S. Rita, “What does Ruth mean to you?” She looked at me with a soft smile and answered, “I admire how well she cared for her husband before he passed away. With everything she has been through in her life, she remains positive. Our friendship has allowed us to share our lives with each other.”

As I asked both of them why they would recommend the Senior Companion Program to others, they both were eager to respond. Ruth said, “Because it is so helpful. Having someone to talk to and share with is important.” S. Rita added, “I have learned so much from the seniors that I visit. They are wonderful people. I visit them because I know it makes them happy.”

The relationship between S. Rita and Ruth is a wonderful example of how our program has been able to serve our seniors in the community. We are so very grateful for all of our program members.

If you are interested in being a senior companion volunteer or know someone who would enjoy and benefit from having a senior companion, please contact us at 262.639.4100. After May 15, our new office number will be 262.898.2940.

Reason to Celebrate and Praise
Jesus is a redeemer. By dying on the cross He showed us how much He loves us. He taught us there is a kingdom where the last will be first, where the grieving will be comforted and the meek will inherit the earth. We all belong to Him. He truly has given us a reason to celebrate and praise! May you and your families experience a joyous Easter Season!

Volunteer/Visitee Appreciation Luncheon
The Senior Companion Program will host an Appreciation Luncheon that will be held on Saturday, April 26. This event is made possible by a grant from the Racine Community Foundation. Invitations have been sent to SCP volunteers and visitors. We are very grateful and look forward to showing our appreciation to all who share their gifts in our program.

Energy Assistance
The Senior Companion Program has limited funds to assist our program members with energy assistance. If you have been denied assistance through the Home Energy Assistance Program, please submit to us a copy of the denial letter along with a copy of your most recent energy bill. You will be notified as to the amount that we will be able to assist you with. Payment will be made directly to WE Energies. Please submit your request to us no later than June 1, 2014.
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