**Care for the Caregiver Program - Respite Worker/Homemaker Job Description**

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**Title: Respite Worker/Homemaker**

**Summary: The Respite Worker/Homemaker provides informal care, companionship, and a safe environment which allows the caregiver a break or “respite” from the responsibilities of caregiving, as well as relieving caregiver burden.**

**Responsibilities:**

**●** Comply with program policies and procedures of Care for the Caregiver and Homemaker Programs

● Provide socialization through conversation, reading, playing games and encouraging participation in hobbies of interest to the care receiver.

● Whenever possible, provide care as requested by caregiver.

● Respect family traditions and cultural values of the caregiver and care receiver

**Skills and Qualifications:**

● Understands and is sensitive to the needs of the care receivers

● Understands and is accepting of people from multicultural and diverse family backgrounds and from all economic status levels

● Have good written and oral communication skills and excellent listening skills

● Personal qualifications should include: dependable, reliable, people-oriented, flexible, possess maturity, calmness, empathy, tolerance, a sense of humour, and ability to maintain confidentiality.

**Training**

● Employee orientation and ongoing training will be provided.

**Benefits:**

**●** Opportunity to serve as a part of a team

● Opportunity to provide a critical service to seniors within our community.