

UNITED WAY OF THE OHIO VALLEY
OHIO COUNTY
PARTNER AGENCY: SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM

Ohio County Senior Companion, Nancy has been a senior companion volunteer to her client for over 4 years. She serves her client in her home 3 days a week from 9:00-1:00. Nancy is able to fix breakfast for her client when she arrives at her home and make sure she has lunch prepared before she leaves. Her client admits to not being able to clean her bathrooms, mop floors, or vacuum anymore. She said she is too weak to complete these weekly household tasks. Her Senior Companion is able to assist with these chores on a weekly basis. However, the biggest benefit the client says she receives from the program, in addition to the housekeeping and meal preparation, is the friendship she has formed with her Senior Companion. She said, "She is more like family to me than my actual family." She is always pleasant when she comes and seems to enjoy spending time with me. She does not act like it's a job but that she wants to be here with me." Nancy agreed that although the Senior Companion Program is a volunteer stipend program that assists her with supplemental income that her volunteer role means much more to her than the \$2.65 an hour stipend. She said "I care about both of my clients and look forward to seeing them each week. I would worry about them if I were not able to check on them and help take care of them. "

WHAT DIFFERENCE WILL YOUR INVESTMENT MAKE?

With your investment of \$100 **Senior Companion Program** can:

- Pay a Senior Companion's stipend for 37 hours of one-on-one attention to a homebound, frail, elderly client that is at risk of institutionalization and/or their caregiver

