



The Senior Resource for Community Partners

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Greetings,

We received a call last week that was a stark reminder of how difficult - and dangerous - things can get without planning. It was late on Tuesday when "Donna" called to say that her mother-in-law had passed away the previous day. She had no will and had not shared information about any of her accounts so settling her estate was going to be a labor. That's not, however, why "Donna" reached out to us for help.

Her mother-in-law had also been primary caregiver and conservator for her brother, "Jim" who suffered from undiagnosed psychiatric issues and perhaps dementia which caused hallucinations and compromised his decision making. "Donna" and her husband were worried what would happen when they told "Uncle Jim" that his sister had passed away. You see, several years earlier when "Jim's" mother passed away he had expressed suicidal ideations. How he would react to news of his sister's passing?

His conservator's passing and the lack of any back-up plan meant "Jim" had no one with authority to assist him in case of emergency. Such an emergency happened two days later when "Jim's" behavior prompted neighbors to call the police." Jim" ended up in the Emergency Room - and no one was able to act on his behalf.

We were able to connect "Jim's" family with an attorney to help petition the probate court for conservatorship. Concurrently, the hospital admitted Jim for a Geri Psych evaluation. A quick ruling on conservatorship allowed the family to participate in (and direct) his care.

Words escape me to describe what this family went through in a matter of a few days. Hopefully others can learn from their experience.

Please make sure you and your loved ones have POA, wills and advanced directives in order before an emergency. For guidance on best practices and referrals to the resources you need please give us a call. Susan and I would be happy to help point you in the right direction.

"As you grow, you learn more." – Mitch Albom

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Do you know a wartime veteran or a surviving spouse who is considering a move? Do you require assistance, support, or care from another person on a regular basis? Or are you a caregiver trying to find a financial solution to help pay for your loved one's care needs?

If you are able to answer yes to any of those questions, you may be eligible to receive a Pension that ranges from \$1,318 to \$2,431 monthly from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) known as the Aid and Attendance Benefit.

The **Aid and Attendance** Benefit is available to qualifying wartime Veterans and their surviving spouses. **Many Veterans and spouses do not know they are entitled to a monthly income from the VA to help pay for a senior living community.**

[Read More](#)

Do you know a veteran or surviving spouse of one? If they are in need of additional daily support, we can help. Check out [our blog on Aid & Attendance here](#) and contact us today to review your options.

[Email us](#)

The Oasis Difference

Oasis Senior Advisors works hand in hand with Healthcare and non-healthcare partners in the community to help find the next steps for a senior client or patient discharging from the

hospital or SNF. Social worker Bernie Adams talks about how Oasis has become an invaluable resource for her senior patients.



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We are a trusted resource for older adults and the professionals who serve them. We value our partners and work together to send referrals for the right services seniors need.

Give us a call and let's work together!

Oasis Senior Advisors is committed to helping your senior clients navigate local senior living options. We are a FREE service for seniors and families.

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