

Greetings!

Hope you're ok amidst all the chaos. It's been a stressful and scary time for many, especially those caring for a senior loved one. It was never an easy responsibility but in these days it has become an especially daunting one.

Services that were once easily accessible, from food and transportation to care now come with new considerations or limitations. Susan and I work every day to stay on top of the changes and we wanted to share some of what we've seen and learned over the past few weeks.

Finding Solutions for Seniors and Families One Call Many Solutions



Social Services in many towns have done a remarkable job of adapting to continue current support programs and adding new ones, wrangling volunteers to deliver meals, shop or simply check-in on seniors. The efforts vary from town to town but Departments of Social or Senior Services is a good first stop.

Home care agencies have been challenged by staffing issues. They have seen portions of their workforce depleted because aides were presented with childcare issues when the schools closed, or were leery about going to work using mass transit, or simply because they were afraid.

These agencies have also needed to make changes in the way they equip and monitor their staff so that families can be confident that an in-home caregiver isn't putting a loved one at risk.

Skilled Nursing Facilities (Nursing Homes) have perhaps faced the greatest challenge. Most need to accept new admissions as they are discharged from crowded hospitals desperate to triage. The result has, at times, been tragic and they all work to establish new protocols to handle the challenge.

Unlike Nursing Homes, Assisted Living and Memory Care Communities are not required to take new admissions. Most stopped doing so in an effort to protect current residents from exposure to the virus. It is a strategy that has, by and large, worked.

The communities which have been successful are beginning to consider opening admissions again. As they do, we are tracking their safety protocols and admission procedures and are coordinating virtual tours for those in need of the safety and care of an Assisted Living or Memory Care Community.

Wherever you are, we are here for you. Give us a call or send an email to set up a time to talk through how things are going, and see if there are any resources we can connect you with during this challenging time.



Oasis Community Outreach

We also belong to an incredibly compassionate network. Oasis Franchisees across the country have been reaching out to seniors and health care partners within our local communities to help in any way we can. Susan & I have procured face shields and delivered them to Stamford Hospital and a number of local skilled nursing facilities.

Most exciting has been our "Cards for Seniors" campaign which has delivered over 11,000 cards to seniors at senior living and skilled nursing facilities across the country - over 1100 here in CT-NY. #oasiscares



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Card for Seniors

Testimonials

"Susan & Paul provided me with great support at a very difficult time. Their knowledge of the different facilities, and the key contacts in those facilities, was invaluable. Once the decision was made they didn't walk away, but continued to provide support and encouragement throughout my wife's transition into care. I have no hesitation recommending them."

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Finally...here are links to some articles that you might find helpful in adapting to a world with Covid...

Glasses fog when wearing a mask?

Food Safety & Nutrition

Guide to masks

Oasis Senior Advisors is committed to helping seniors and families navigate local senior living options. We are a FREE service for seniors and families. Call us today if you or someone you know needs help.

Stay safe,

Susan & Paul

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