

Bon Homie Adult Day Services Adds Services to Support Caregivers and Off Set Lost Income Due to Impact of the Pandemic

When the pandemic hit our area, it forced our center and centers like ours to close all over Pennsylvania. We received an e-mail on Thursday afternoon March 12th that Adult Day Care Centers in Montgomery County were mandated to close end of business that day. We scrambled to write e-mails and make phone calls to all the caregivers and clients we supported as well as the agencies that relied on our services. When we closed that day, my staff along with the caregivers that use our services believed we would return to normal in two weeks.

Caregivers were incredibly supportive of the close of the center and for the first two weeks many families could work together and support their individual. As March turned to April, we realized our center wasn't going to be able to open for a while and we needed to figure out a way we could support our caregivers and clients that no longer had the option of attending our program every day. Many of our caregivers needed to work, and even though they were able to work from home at this time due to the Coronavirus it was difficult to care for their loved one and work at the same time.

Bon Homie Adult Day Center needed to find ways to generate income. With 28 years of experience in providing care and support to seniors and disabled adults in the Limerick and surrounding communities we expanded our offerings to include

remote and in-home supports, concierge services and a caregiver's blog.

Developing these additional services felt like we were starting several new businesses. The remote programming dictated that our staff and caregivers learn how to use zoom so that they could interact with each other and participate in the activity program we were offering. Cooking demonstrations, reading stories, science projects, and music are just a few activities offered to individuals participating in this program.

Our staff meet with clients virtually every day for an hour or several times a week for 30 minutes to an hour. They also run small group virtual programs, 2-3 clients meet with 1-2 staff for an hour and play games, socialize, make a craft, etc. This program has been well received and our clients are excited to interact with their friends. Those receiving this service range in their support needs. A few of our clients require total hand over hand support from their caregiver to participate where others, once they are logged into zoom, can participate independently.

These services do not give caregivers total relief of caregiving responsibilities like the day program did but it does offer their loved one a connection with friends, the opportunity to participate in a variety of programs which promote a sense of community and helps with each client's overall wellbeing.

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Bon Homie Adult Day Center is expanding its services. With 28 years of experience in providing care and support to seniors and disabled adults in the Limerick and surrounding communities we are growing our offerings to include Concierge services.

Concierge Services are available to professionals, caregivers, and individuals that need assistance in meeting their own needs or those that depend on them.

For More information: (610) 792-8800
www.bonhomieadc.com
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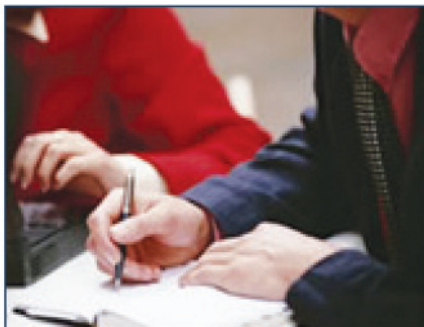
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Our remote program continues to be offered today and has grown since we began offering the services. We have also had the opportunity to go into some of our client's homes and offer activity programs for a few hours a day.

The second service we began offering is "Bon Homie Simpler Days Concierge Services." Simpler Days concierge services is a service we are offering to the business community, caregivers, and individuals that need assistance in meeting their own needs or those that depend on them. Rates vary depending on the specific service requested. You can call the center to inquire about our services or request a rate sheet.

<http://www.bonhomieadc.com/concierge-services/>

Simpler Days Concierge services include: Transportation to appointments; Accompany individuals on scheduled appointments; Companion Visits; Drop off and pick-up dry cleaning; Merchandise purchases and returns; Gift shopping; Grocery shopping; Prescription pickups; Post office pick-ups, purchasing of stamps; Meal preparation; Special diet delivery (puree, fine chopped and mechanical soft); Gourmet meal delivery, If you don't see a service, please call and inquire.

Lastly, I started a blog "A Scoop of Caregivers Wisdom" to share my "caregiving" story. I am not a traditional caregiver. I have operated an adult day care center for 28 years and cared for seniors, disabled adults, and young adults with intellectual disabilities.

I have interacted and supported many caregivers over the years and have seen firsthand the struggles that they face in caring for someone they love. Caregiving can occur abruptly in someone's life or it can occur in stages as they watch their loved one decline over years. Many people never expect to become a caregiver and often are overwhelmed with the new responsibilities. Some caregivers are not aware of how to find support and need assistance to be successful. Caregiving along with other obligations such as their full-time job and taking care of their family can place additional stress and pressure on Caregivers and effect their quality of life. Our blog will touch on topics that every caregiver can relate to as well as specific areas of interest such as diagnosis, disabilities, adaptive equipment and services available.

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