

Robotic Therapy Pets Have Positive Effects for People with Alzheimer's Disease

John first contacted our agency to receive information, assistance and support in his caregiving journey as he cares for his wife, Mary. Like many caregivers, John felt the direct challenges that caregiving was having on his quality of life. With time, John became open to accepting in-home respite services, which now allow him to get a much deserved break, while his wife enjoys her companionship with a professional caregiver. He shares that in just the short time they have been utilizing respite services, he has noticed the considerable benefits that it has had on their quality of life as individuals, and a couple.



Recently, John inquired about another opportunity we had to offer. Robotic therapy pets have been found to have remarkable effects on men and women in the middle and later stages of Alzheimer's disease. Such pets can be found to be calming, and give your loved one an added sense of purpose while caring for the pets. When Mary was given her therapy pet, a smile instantly covered her face and she was overjoyed while she sat peacefully with the lifelike cat.

Through the generous donation of State Farm agents Victor Gaudin and Amy Aldrich, Catholic Charities Senior & Caregiver Support Services was able to purchase robotic therapeutic pets for older adults. For more information on our services and how to get a FREE robotic therapy pet for your loved one, please contact **Catholic Charities Senior & Caregiver Support Services** at (518) 372-5667.



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