

Catholic Charities – SEARCH Program

A potential client N.B. phoned the SEARCH/RSVP office and shared with the project manager that she is a senior who is legally blind and finding it increasingly difficult to do certain daily tasks.



Lynn Kidd, the project manager, met with N.B. for some time to find out what her most important needs were so she could remain independent in her home. N.B. shared that she does have many visually impaired devices, but even with those devices she is still struggling to see things. She was hoping that SEARCH would have a volunteer help her to read mail, emails, fill out forms, make sure her doctor's appointments on her calendar are correctly marked and provide transportation to those appointments. While they were talking, she admitted that she was a little lonely and having a volunteer visit would be lovely in addition to helping her with her daily tasks.

An initial meeting was set up to introduce N.B. to her matched volunteer and there was an instant connection between the two individuals. L.M. has been such a huge support to N.B. Not only has she helped her with the tasks that seemed so difficult to N.B., but they regularly go out and do fun things together, like enjoy a meal at the Senior Center. If you ask them how things are going, both agree that they have become dear friends. N.B. is so grateful for the support that she receives.