

Area Agencies on Aging

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Mrs. Williams, born in Georgia in 1911, moved to the Akron area to raise her family. Taking pride in the apartment complex that she has called home for the past 20 years, she contributed to the community in ways such as preparing Thanksgiving dinners for her neighbors. After falling in 2007, she found herself in a nursing home.



Area Agency on Aging 10B Inc. stepped in to help her return home. The PASSPORT program is able to provide the assistance that gave Mrs. Williams the choice to move back to her apartment. Her PASSPORT Care Manager, Leslie Taylor, (shown here with Mrs. Williams) coordinates that help.

Mrs. Williams has survived the death of her husband and her two sons. In place of family assistance, she relies greatly on the support she receives from the Area Agency on Aging. PASSPORT provides daily home health aides who help her with personal care, an Emergency Response System to summon help if she needs it, a medication dispenser, and a Senior Friend who visits weekly for four hours, ensuring that Mrs. Williams can remain independent in her community. "At my age, there is no other place I would rather be than home," says Mrs. Williams with a proud smile.

The annual cost of nursing facility care in Ohio is \$56,492*. The cost of Mrs. Williams's annual care plan is \$34,187, a savings of \$22,305 a year.

*Estimated in 2009, not offset by client liability and not including Medicaid card services

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