

Area Agencies on Aging

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Representative Wachtmann, Mrs. Mullen, and Ms. Buzard

Mrs. Julia Mullen is an 85 year old widow who has been receiving PASSPORT waiver services through PSA 3 Agency on Aging, Inc, since November 2000, allowing her to live independently in her own apartment. Through the PASSPORT waiver program, her care manager coordinates services for Mrs. Mullen, including personal care assistance, home delivered meals, an emergency response system (Mrs. Mullen wears a pendant around her neck for quick access to emergency assistance), and medical transportation. Mrs. Mullen had two brief stays in a nursing facility in 2004, but was able to return to living independently in her own apartment with supports provided through PASSPORT and her care manager.

State Representative Lynn Wachtmann visited with Mrs. Mullen and Mary Ann Buzard, Mrs. Mullen's PSA 3 PASSPORT Care Manager, at Mrs. Mullen's apartment. Mrs. Mullen said how pleased she was to meet Representative Wachtmann and told him how the PASSPORT waiver program has helped her. Mrs. Mullen stated that without PASSPORT and her family, she would not be able to live independently. Mrs. Mullen's family is supportive but limited in their ability to help her on a daily basis. Religion is important to Mrs. Mullen and her daughter takes her to church weekly. At the conclusion of his home visit with Mrs. Mullen, State Representative Lynn Wachtmann said that he was happy to see that the waivers that had been passed at the Statehouse were making a difference in the lives of seniors.

Mrs. Mullen receives her services at an annual cost of \$12,728. This is a savings of \$43,764 compared to the average annual nursing facility cost of \$56,492.

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

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