
Dementia Caregiver Respite Services

These services may have eligibility requirements and require pre-registration, please contact each individual listing for further details.

Respite offers you a break from your caregiving responsibilities while providing social engagement and meaningful activities for your loved one. By taking a break, you can become better rested and renewed and reduce stress.

Respite Grants

Alzheimer's Association and Offices for the Aging: Caregiver Support Initiative

Temporary respite funding available, options vary and may include in-home aides, adult day program, consumer-directed personal assistance, or overnights stays in a residential facility. Contact your county for options and eligibility:

- Allegany County Office for the Aging Contact: Lynn Oyer 585.268.9390
- Cattaraugus County Dept.of the Aging Contact: Kayla Chesebro 716.373.8032
- Chautauqua County Office for Aging Contact: Jennifer Ellman 716.753.4582
- Erie County Dept of Senior Services Contact: 716.858.8526
- Genesee County Office for the Aging Contact: Laurie Watson 585.343.1611
- Niagara County Office for the Aging Contact: Cathy Hummel 716.438.3030
- Orleans County Office for the Aging Contact: Samantha Koons 585.589.3191
- Wyoming County Office for the Aging Contact: Tanya Ludwig 585.786.8833

Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration: Comstock Grants

Annual grant for full-time, unpaid care partners to meet their own needs, can be used on respite care, mental health support, or self-care.

www.aftd.org

HFC: Caregiver Respite Program

Grants provide 3-6 months of free, professional, in-home care delivered by Home Instead.

www.wearehfc.org/caregivers

Community Social Respite Programs:

These free programs offer companionship, meaningful activities, and active engagement for individuals living with early-moderate dementia and time for care partners to tend to their own needs. They provide 1-1 socialization in a group setting by trained volunteers. Participants must be independent with ADLs and mobility. There are no residency rules, but registration is **REQUIRED** by calling contacts at individual sites.

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY

WESTFIELD

Westfield United Methodist Church
101 E. Main St
2nd Wednesday, 10am-2pm
Contact: Gail Boardway
716.867.2319

ERIE COUNTY

***AMHERST**

Amherst Senior Center
370 John James Audubon Pkwy
1st and 3rd Tuesday, 2- 3pm
Contact: Carolyn Panzica
716.570.6520

BUFFALO

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
174 Cazenovia St
2nd Saturday, 10:30am-2:30pm
Contact: Penny Paschka
716.674.2958

BUFFALO cont.

Metropolitan United Methodist Church
657 Best St
2nd Friday, 10am-2pm
Contact: Lynelle Reed
716.891.5652

*Canopy of Neighbors at

Temple Beth Zion
805 Delaware Ave
Please contact for dates, 12-1pm
Contact: Carolyn Panzica
716.570.6520

EAST AURORA

Baker Memorial United Methodist Church
345 Main St
4th Wednesday, 10:30am-2:30pm
Contact: Michele Engasser
716.652.0500

EDEN

Eden United Methodist Church
2820 E. Church St
3rd Wednesday, 10:30am-2:30pm
Contact: Kevin Karstedt
716.992.2248

EVANS/DERBY

First Church of Evans
7 431 Erie Rd
1st Thursday, 10:30am-2:30pm
Contact: Debby Waddell
716.549.0908

GRAND ISLAND

Golden Age Center
3278 Whitehaven Rd
2nd Wednesday, 1:30-4:30pm
Contact: Jennifer Menter
716.773.9682

HAMBURG

Hamburg United Methodist Church
116 Union St
2nd Wednesday, 10:30am-2:30pm
Contact: Lisa Rood
716.941.5703

HOLLAND

Holland United Methodist Church
11699 Partridge Rd
1st Thursday, 10:30am-2:30pm
Contact: Cindy Cassavino
716.388.3150

KENMORE

St. John the Baptist Church
1085 Englewood Ave
1st Tuesday, 11am-3pm
Contact: Mary & Joe Elias
716.874.0672

Kenmore United Methodist Church

32 Landers Rd
4th Wednesday, 10:30am-2:30pm
Contact: Michelle Spencer
716.875.5091

SPRINGVILLE

First United Methodist Church
474 E Main St
1st Wednesday, 10:30am-2:30pm
Contact: Barb Blesy
716.435.5400

WEST SENECA

Southtowns Family YMCA
Caregiver programming and use of the YMCA is available onsite, alongside the respite program. Transportation support will be available.
1620 Southwestern Blvd
1st Wednesday, 10:30am-2:30pm
Contact: Sue Kincaid
716.674.9622 ext.143

***WEST FALLS**

West Falls Center for the Arts
1863 Davis Rd
1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 12-1pm
Contact: Carolyn Panzica
716.570.6520

GENESEE COUNTY

BATAVIA

First Presbyterian Church of Batavia
300 East Main St
4th Monday, 10:30am-2:30pm
Contact: Mickey Rodak
585.455.5940

St. James Episcopal Church
405 East Main St
2nd Monday, 10:30am-2:30pm
Contact: Diana Leiker
585.343.6802

CORFU

Indian Falls United Methodist Church
7908 Allegany Rd
3rd Wednesday, 10am-2pm
Contact: Celinda McQuiston
585.478.8188

LEROY

The Hope Center
42 Main St.
1st Wednesday, 10:30am-2:30pm
Contact: Tammy Genagon
585.739.2251

ORLEANS COUNTY

MEDINA/KNOWLESVILLE

Church of the Abundant Harvest Fellowship Hall
3619 Knowlesville Rd
2nd Wednesday, 10am-2pm
Contact: Cheryl Babcock
585.704.8173

ALBION

Caregiver Connections
16 E. Academy St.
1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 10:30am-1:30pm
Contact: Samantha Koons
585.589.2863

NIAGARA COUNTY

LOCKPORT

Trinity Lutheran Church
67 Saxton St
2nd Wednesday, 10:30am-2:30pm
Contact: Laurie Bauch
716.434.5982

*The Dale Association
33 Ontario St
2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 11:30am-12:30pm
Contact: Carolyn Panzica
716.570.6520

WYOMING COUNTY

ARCADE

Hope Lutheran Church of Arcade
2 East Main St
2nd Thursday, 10:30am-2:30pm
Contact: Julie Tingue
585.492.2530

*Denotes the Musical Memories Cafe Programs.
Please note caregivers must stay with the participant during this Respite program, lunch and entertainment provided for all.

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