

ONE INCIDENT AWAY ...

We're Here When Nobody Else Is.

Jim's wife had always taken care of the couple's household affairs. Upon her death, no other relative stepped in to assist.

In November, 78-year-old Jim had come to his local Area Agency on Aging saying that he was out of propane. During a visit to Jim's mobile home, his care coordinator Colleen found that he had used all his propane trying to keep warm in a rat and squirrel-infested mobile home with holes in the floors, walls, and roof. A basin next to his bed meant to catch leaking water had frozen. No exterminator would touch the place unless the holes were sealed. In addition, he had been living without running water for three years. "No bathing. No laundry. No dishes. Nothing," she said.

Colleen spent more than four months making certain that Jim, a regular participant at the local Senior Center, received the attention, basic needs, and care he required to remain as independent as possible. She secured funding from several sources for Jim to live in a motel for three weeks. She then found a senior housing apartment for him, enrolled him in Medicaid, and Extra Help for Medicare. Because Jim was not allowed to bring his contaminated household goods to senior housing, Colleen also rounded up donations to furnish Jim's new place. Even though Jim sometimes resisted, Colleen persisted.

Jim became ill and confused and lonely. Colleen accompanied him to a pulmonary specialist who prescribed 24-hour oxygen and inhalers. Because of Jim's confusion, he was unable to use the inhalers and often went without his oxygen. At the end of April, Jim moved into assisted living where he apparently is now thriving.

Your Area Agency on Aging in Missouri has expert help.

"We want to be here when you need us."

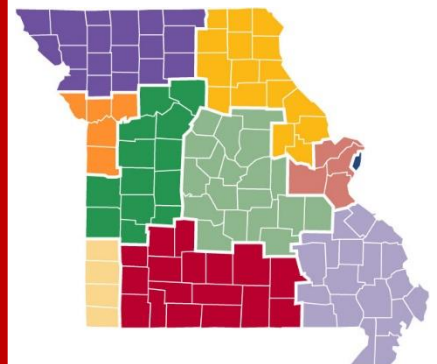


Core Services:

- Supportive Services
- Caregiver Encouragement
- Nutrition
- Health and Wellness
- Advocacy

Additional Support:

- Care Coordination
- Medicare Enrollment
- Tax Assistance
- Transportation
- Respite



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