



*Stepping into the new year, we extend a heartfelt invitation to the residents of Santa Barbara County. Together, let's create a positive impact in the lives of our local seniors who may be feeling isolated. In 2023, our organization, powered by the dedication of our volunteers, provided essential services to over 680 seniors throughout Santa Barbara County. Through their commitment, we delivered nearly 7,000 vital services, including food deliveries and accompaniment to medical appointments.*

*These volunteers are not just providing services; they are weaving a compassionate safety net for seniors, forming connections that often blossom into lifelong friendships. As we continue our mission to make a meaningful difference in the lives of our community members, we seek your support. In 2024, we urgently need more volunteers to join our organization so we can continue this important work we are doing.*

*We invite you to join our family of volunteers, enabling us to extend assistance to more isolated seniors and broaden our offerings within the community. Just one hour of your time can make a significant impact. Explore the volunteering options below and be a part of this transformative journey.*

**Volunteer Options Available: Driving clients to appointments, providing friendly check-in calls, friendly visits with seniors, and shopping & errands.**

*\*Enjoy flexible hours, pick your own schedule, receive mileage reimbursement, and make a lasting impact on the community!*

**SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER:**

**<https://partnersincaring.org/volunteer/>**



## Client Spotlight:

### Angels Among Us: Cheryl's Journey Through Transportation Challenges and Community Support

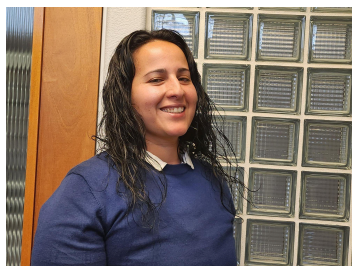


Cheryl, a retired dental assistant from the San Francisco area, had to give up driving due to medical complications affecting her ability to operate a vehicle. This transition brought forth various challenges, including a sense of freedom loss, dependency on friends and family, and the financial burden of transportation services.

While initially relying on paid transportation, Cheryl found the costs to be unsustainable, prompting her to explore alternatives online. That's when she came across Community Partners in Caring, becoming a client for the past two years. According to Cheryl, the services provided by the organization have been invaluable, emphasizing that the volunteers go beyond being mere drivers – they've become friends. Cheryl, who has had a

fascination with angels since childhood, perceives acts of kindness as a manifestation of these celestial beings surrounding her. Expressing deep gratitude, she thanks all the volunteers for their generosity and kindness.

### Meet Daisy: Our Newest Team Member!



Welcome Daisy- the newest family member at CPC! Daisy was born and raised in the small town in Porterville, CA. She attended Porterville College, where she majored in administration of justice. Daisy previously worked as a caregiver which helped her discover her true calling in life. Daisy believes she was meant to be a part of CPC. Daisy knows she was meant to be a part of this non-profit organization not only to make an impact on clients but knows that

these individuals will have a significant impact on her life as well. She enjoys hiking, working out, dancing and spending time with her loved ones. Read more about Daisy here: [Daisy Fernandez - Community Partners in Caring](#)



## **Hilda's Corner-Taking Care of Tax Business**

It's January, many of us are getting ready to do taxes. As we age, it's not as clear if we have to prepare a tax return. Because each of you are different, it is helpful if you can get assistance without breaking your bank.

Fortunately, there are two great programs that can assist you at no cost. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) and AARP's Tax-Aide. Both offer free services if you do not already have a tax professional. VITA is offered at Hancock College (Saturday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. February 10th-April 13th), Cal Poly (Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. February 3rd-March 16th) and at the United Way office in Santa Maria (1660 N. Broadway) Monday through Friday from 10 to 1 p.m. (February 10th to April 13th). You can visit [www.myfreetaxes.org](http://www.myfreetaxes.org) to schedule an appointment or call the local United Way office at 805.922.0329 extension 4. For AARP, services are offered in Solvang Monday and Friday afternoons (call 805.688.3793 to schedule appointment) and Lompoc (Dick Dewees Community Center in Lompoc Monday and Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. drop-in from February 2nd to April 12th). For South County you can contact the Santa Barbara County United Way office at [www.unitedwaysb.org](http://www.unitedwaysb.org)\VITA or call at 805-965-8591. If you have a complicated tax situation, you may not qualify for these free services. We are lucky to have these volunteers to help us understand what we need to do! Finally, spring is coming, remember to enjoy the sunshine!

### ***Happy Birthday to our amazing January-Born Volunteers!***

***Happy Birthday Lisa M. from Santa Maria!***

***Happy Birthday Jim H. from Lompoc!***

***Happy Birthday John S. from Goleta!***

***Happy Birthday Linda V. from Santa Barbara !***

### ***Happy Anniversary to our amazing volunteers who have now marked a special milestone caring for the clients at CPC!***

***Happy 2-year anniversary Laura B. from Los Alamos!***

***Happy 1-year anniversary Adrian B. from Los Alamos!***





### *December 2023 Volunteer Awards Banquet!*



***Congrats David, Debbie, Monica, and Judy for receiving the President's Volunteer Service Award!***



## **Volunteer Meet Up- Disaster Training**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 23  
2-4 P.M.**

11 E. Carrillo St.  
Santa Barbara, CA  
93101

**OPEN TO ALL CPC VOLUNTEERS**



***Can't find the time to volunteer? Help our organization by sending us a donation. This enables us. to provide additional services to seniors as well as find more volunteers to keep our organization running.***

***<https://partnersincaring.org/donate/>***

***<https://partnersincaring.org/our-services/> View***

***Community Resources***

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