

As a caregiver and recipient of Respite care provided to my husband, Carmine Melchiorre, who suffered from Alzheimer's, I cannot adequately express our appreciation for this extremely needed service. As the caregiver, I am greatly benefiting from his program by providing me with the ability to leave him with someone I can trust. It provides me with the peace of mind and freedom to occasionally do a few things for myself such as doctor appointments, going grocery shopping and occasionally get a much-needed hair cut. Please continue this vital program and, if possible, consider an increase to the annual hours currently provided to us. This program gives us not only freedom and breathing time but it makes us feel that we are not alone. The support received from the Respite Program is vital to our sanity and the ability to care for our loved one suffering from such a disabling illness.

Thank you for being there for us.

Maria and Carmine Melchiorre