

Caring for my partner with Parkinson's and Lewy Body Dementia is a 24/7 job. I often describe him as consistently inconsistent. At this time he is wheelchair bound, but sometimes thinks he can walk (a sure fall). He wakes up multiple times at night to use the bathroom. The one thing he knows for sure is that he wants to remain in his home. All of this is possible as long as I remain healthy and able to take care of him. Respite hours are akin to oxygen masks on an airplane. It is for this reason that it is PARAMOUNT that Montgomery County continue to fund Respite Hours for Caregivers. I also want to mention how I greatly appreciate the funds we have received in the past and that I am proud of our county for recognizing and funding this need.

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