



*"For as the soil makes the sprout  
come up and a garden causes  
seeds to grow, so the Sovereign  
Lord will make righteousness  
and praise spring up  
before all nations."  
Isaiah 61:11*



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Cindy and Diane hit it off right away. Diane described Cindy as a "very nice lady and very respectful." Cindy is struggling with terminal cancer and needed a volunteer to take her grocery shopping. Recently Cindy shared with Diane that she had the best news. "I am moving in with my daughter!" Her daughter already lined up cancer appointments in a new cancer center where she lives. "I am over the top excited for her," said Diane. "I have been so worried about her. I will miss her because in that short amount of time helping her, I **have come to love her.**" The last time that Diane took Cindy to Meijer, they had a conversation about their faith. Cindy told Diane that she grew up in a Christian family and church, and is a believer. Diane was so encouraged. Diane gave Cindy a mug that says: "Life is hard but God is good" Diane also gave her a Jesus Calling devotional. Diane encouraged Cindy to call her to let her know how she is doing. Diane and Cindy were not connected for very long, 3 months, but they quickly developed a meaningful relationship.



## Can You Help?

VIS receives many serving opportunity requests. If you are able to assist with these requests, please let us know.

### Cleaning/Organizing

1) **Cleaning Basement** Bruce is 61 years old and has an artificial leg and other health challenges. He needs help cleaning out his basement as he is not able to go up and down the stairs.

**Location:** Near Hall and 131 SW.

(Contact Rosemary at [rtymes@visgr.org](mailto:rtymes@visgr.org) or call 459-7500 if you can help)

2) **Light Housekeeping** Jon is 53 years old and has cerebral palsy. He has no family in the area and would like some help with light housekeeping and organizing paperwork.

**Location:** Near Kalamazoo and 52nd street, Kentwood.

(Contact Debbie at [dbjones@visgr.org](mailto:dbjones@visgr.org) or 616.459.7500 if you can help.)

### Friendship

1) **Supportive Friend** Bruce is 61 years old and is very lonely. He is a diabetic and lost his leg in February 2021 as a result of peripheral artery disease. He has an artificial leg that he uses to get around. He would like someone to spend time with him, i.e. home visit, go to lunch or meet for coffee occasionally and maybe even take him grocery shopping.

**Location:** Near Hall and 131 SW.

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### Minor Home Assistance

1) **Installing Insulation:** Michael is new to the Grand Rapids area and has recently bought a house. Her heating bills have been very high so she would like help installing insulation in her attic. She can pay for the insulation but would like help figuring out how much she needs.

**Location:** Near Kalamazoo and Burton

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2) **Painting:** Burnette is 70 years old and needs some help with interior painting. (hallways, bathroom and 3 walls in the kitchen)

**Location:** Near Oakdale Park SE.

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3) **Yardwork:** Janette is 62 years old and would like the dead grass raked from her yard, both front and back. She does not have rakes but will supply the bags.

**Location:** Near Kalamazoo and 60th SE.

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### Transportation

1) **Shopping** Mary is 63 years old, legally blind and hard of hearing. She would like to get out and shop at one of the malls but needs assistance. She takes the GoBus and could meet a volunteer at the mall.

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2) **Medical Procedure** Charles is 65 years old and is having two medical procedures at the hospital in Hastings on May 2. The expected time is 3 hours and the volunteer would need to wait and then take Charles home.

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