



Benefits of BeFriender Ministry

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- **Extend high quality care to more people.** Meet growing needs by making it possible for more people to receive care in the name of your senior living community.
- **Build and deepen a well-connected caring community.** When someone receives care from a BeFriender, they feel included and valued. The BeFrienders feel connected and enriched.
- **Provide opportunities for service.** Residents and volunteers trained as BeFrienders have an opportunity to serve. Sharing their gifts enhances well-being and purpose.
- **Enhance skills.** Staff, BeFriender leaders, and BeFrienders, gain new skills that enhance relationships with the community.
- **Encourage spiritual growth.** Opportunities for growth in faith are available for everyone involved; staff, residents, BeFrienders, and those receiving the care of a BeFriender.

Why Choose BeFriender Ministry?

You can easily implement and maintain a ministry that meets your needs and schedule. The program is:

- **Affordable:** There are no membership fees.
- **Comprehensive:** At the “Foundations for BeFriender Ministry” workshop, program leaders receive a full set of leadership materials at no additional cost.
- **Respectful of time:** Hours are manageable for staff and volunteers.
- **Flexible:** Program leaders that have completed "Foundations for BeFriender Ministry" can train your BeFrienders when it is most convenient for all involved. Virtual BeFriender Training is also offered periodically by the National Office.
- **Versatile:** BeFrienders learn skills to provide pastoral care in any situation. The skills learned are transferable to family, friend, and colleague relationships.

BEFRIENDER MINISTRY

God is Present • Caring not Curing • Active Listening • Nonjudgmental Presence

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