



#### Foundation Principles

God is present  
Caring not curing  
Nonjudgmental presence  
Active listening

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## How Does BeFriender Ministry Make a Difference?

### Here's One Program Leader's Story

By Lori Becker

More than twenty years ago, I completed my training to become a chaplain through the Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) program. Many years later, I began serving in Leadership for BeFriender Ministry.

What I appreciate about the BeFriender training is that it is very similar to CPE! Those coming into the program are trained in how to provide a listening presence, the importance of confidentiality, creating relationships, looking for God in the situation and so much more.

This training is vital in serving and these learned skills are not only for BeFriender Ministry, but they are also life skills. In addition, the prayerful support of the group and the leader provides encouragement on our spiritual journey and brings us closer in our relationship with God.

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