

Who We Are "I understand first hand the responsibilities, difficulties and rewards of caring for a family member at home. I first became acquainted with care giving when my grandmother came to live with our family. Caring for others is a God given gift- one I look for in each and every care companion I hire. When my mother became terminally ill, both of my parents came to live with my husband and me. We cared for her while also easing the burden and heartache my father felt. I have learned how valuable it is to serve the entire family. By being considerate of every family member affected in any situation, everyone benefits. Caring for my family was simply what I was taught to do and it seemed a natural part of me. It led me to help others who were experiencing similar life transitions. I found myself helping a few families with loved ones at Sentinel Pointe in Grand Rapids, Michigan (1992). The type of care I provided- sipping tea, playing board games, and taking them shopping or to the theater- was well-received as it gave family members a much needed break and provided residents with another source of companionship. Word spread, and soon I was too busy to handle the requests on my own. Simply out of obedience to God and sharing the gifts I had been given, Leaves Personal Care Services was founded. Our business name was birthed out of a project I had done in High School, that, again, represented family to me. I depicted leaves in their seasons which represented the seasons of our lives: the bursting new life of spring, the bright and cheerful long days of summer, and the fading days of autumn. It is my prayer that our caregiving will be a ministry of healing and loving support to our clients and their families."



Vicky Smit Manager/Owner

Vicky's Mom

Family Partnership Based upon our experience, we will be there for you when you need support, consultation concerning a loved one with dementia or referrals for future placement in assisted living or long term care. Free one hour initial or crisis consultation. *Hourly fee to follow.*

Private Duty Care In your home, by personal care companions, who are trained to provide assistance with care, bathing, dressing, grooming, meals, laundry, light housekeeping, social activities and companionship. *Two hour minimum to 24-hour care.*

Good Morning Services Assistance with bathing, dressing, grooming, hair, exercising, walking, breakfast, light housekeeping and optional devotions or morning activity. *Two hour minimum.*

Good Night Services Assistance with light snack, bedtime care, bathing, grooming, light housekeeping, reading and devotions or activity. *Two hour minimum.*

Appointments or errands Assisted walks, appointments, shopping, errands, outings. *Two hour minimum.*

Personal Secretarial Services Paying bills, letter writing, mailing, filing, making appointments, etc. *Hourly fee or included with care.*

Companionship Someone to keep you company- for tea, coffee, table games, making a scrapbook, reading, walking, going out to lunch or shopping, letter writing, exercising, reminiscing, listening to music and more.

Our services are personal and unique because you are.



What are your hobbies? We will do our best to pair you with a Care Companion who shares your interest and hobbies. *Two hour minimum.*

Medication Set Up or Licensed Nurse Consultation

Does your loved one have difficulty remembering to take medications or need assistance at a doctor appointment? Are you concerned they might not be taking the right dosage, skipping meds, or taking meds too often? Our personal care companions will prepare and label the proper dosages of a client's meds for up to two weeks at

a time and will keep track of when prescriptions need to be refilled. Our convenient licensed nurse consultation service may be just what you need when you have a medical concern but you are unable to take your loved one to the doctor's office or care facility. An on-call nurse will visit your patient and determine if further medical treatment is necessary. In addition, if a client needs support at a doctor visit and a spouse or family representative is not available, an LPN is required by Leaves to assist (there is an additional charge.) *Hourly fee.*

Specialized Care

- Dementia Care
- Partners with Hospice
- Family Respite Care