



United Way of Douglas County

## Community Partner Success Story:

**Visiting Nurses Association, Inc.** provides care to frail, ill or disabled persons, enabling them to remain independent in their own homes. These programs target the Health goal.

“Charlie,” a 71 year-old gentleman who lives alone, has been in the care of Douglas County Visiting Nurses Association for more than 10 years. During that time, not only have Home and Community Based Services been provided by VNA, but also skilled services for ongoing acute care needs. Through the HCBS program, VNA provides daily services including personal care, meal preparation, grocery shopping, laundry, and housekeeping. This involves up to 15 hours per week through our agency to meet Charlie’s care needs. In addition, his skilled needs include wound care and filling insulin syringes to keep his diabetes stabilized.



Throughout these past 10 years, Charlie has required few re-hospitalizations due in large part to the support services and acute services VNA has consistently provided. Charlie would most likely agree he could not have continued to remain safely in his home without the ongoing support of these services.

*A donation of \$1 per week provides Home visit by a licensed nurse and Carelink Emergency Response service to a frail elder like Charlie for 4 months.*

*For more information about Douglas County Visiting Nurses Association, please call 843-3738.*

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