Interested in having your clients screened for eligibility? Interested in volunteering?

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Mitigate loneliness at end-of-life
Reduce caregiver burnout
Reduce avoidable distress for individual and care providers
Provide resources to additional support from behavioral health, hospice, palliative care
Provide grief support and build resilience
Build capacity of community members for end-of-life support

A collaboration between:

Oregon Older Adult Behavioral Health Initiative

Compassionate Presence Project

Supporting older adults and adults with physical disabilities living with life-limiting illness

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People living with terminal or life-limiting illnesses can experience:

- Isolation
- Loneliness
- Fear
- Anxiety
- Hopelessness

What is the project?

This pilot project addresses older adults and adults with physical disabilities experiencing social isolation, loneliness and depression at end of life by utilizing volunteers as “companions.” Drawing from the Compassionate Communities Model of Care, volunteers gain skills, knowledge and capacity in supporting people living with a life-limiting illness and living with loss.

Available to those in their own home, as well as long-term care facilities.

Who is it for?

Older adults (60 +) or adults with physical disabilities living with a life-limiting illness (a life expectancy of 18 months or less), who are experiencing social isolation, loneliness, and other psychological/emotional distress.

Who are the volunteers?

Community members trained by professionals. All volunteers are vetted with a background check and receive comprehensive training and supervision.

The end of life deserves as much beauty, care and respect as the beginning.

– Anonymous