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Diakon Volunteer Home Care also offers other non-medical assistance including light chores, meal preparation, errands, and letter writing. If you or someone you know could benefit from volunteer assistance, or if you would like to volunteer, please contact the number listed below.

Diakon Volunteer Home Care is offered in many locations, including Berks, Schuylkill, Carbon, Luzerne, Montgomery, Chester and Dauphin counties. For more information, call **1-800-322-9597, ext. 1412**. Adults of all ages can be helped to remain independent as a result of your support of Diakon Volunteer Home Care. Call us to learn how.



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