



Caring for the Caregivers



If you are caring for an elderly parent, a child or a spouse with a chronic or debilitating condition, it's important to **“put your own lifejacket on first”** by taking care of your own physical and mental health.

Here are caregiver-to-caregiver basic tips for self-care:

- Find someone to talk to: a medical person, an online network, a friend or a counselor from your EAP.
- Identify local support resources. Learn how to ask for help and accept it.
- Eat properly, exercise and get enough sleep. Take time off, even if only a few minutes a day.
- Recognize signs of burnout and get help. Learn how to say no. Pace yourself and set limits.
- Find healthy ways to deal with your stress.

Tips to support caregivers - If you know a caregiver, here are some simple things you could do to help:

- Keep in touch. Caregivers often feel isolated, alone and abandoned.
- Listen and care. People often need to talk in detail about problems they experience.
- Offer concrete help. Shovel a walk, mow a lawn, run an errand, bring over a casserole.
- Contribute financially. Caregiving costs can add up. Help with direct costs or give gift cards for groceries and other necessities.
- Be supportive. Avoid second-guessing, back-seat driving and criticism.

Find more help by logging in to www.EducatorsEAP.com and clicking **Caregiver Resources**.

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Thankful!

With Thanksgiving in the air, we offer a few thoughts on gratitude and thankfulness:

“There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle.”

- Albert Einstein -

“We must find time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives.”

- John F. Kennedy -

“Some people are always grumbling because roses have thorns; I am thankful that thorns have roses.”

- Alphonse Karr -

“Sometimes our light goes out but is blown into flame by another human being. Each of us owes deepest thanks to those who have rekindled this light.”

- Albert Schweitzer -

