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Volunteers Needed for Older Adult Reassurance Program Serving Bucks County

Family Service Association of Bucks County is now accepting volunteer applications for their Reassurance Program, a free, confidential telephone service offering reassurance, socialization and safety checks to older adults living in Bucks County. Following training, volunteers are responsible for making regular calls to specific individuals.

Reassurance calls can help relieve the isolation of some older adults, and a regular call can help provide the confidence and support needed to stay in their own home. Older adults receiving calls have the assurance that if they are unable to answer the phone, the caller will notify family members, neighbors or others, as needed, to determine their whereabouts and health status. Volunteers follow established emergency procedures and are also trained to notify Reassurance staff members if additional services may be of benefit to the individual(s) they are calling. You can help relieve loneliness and provide the reassurance of a daily phone call by becoming a Reassurance volunteer.

Following training, volunteers make phone calls from their own home or from any other convenient location, and volunteers must be able to commit to making regular calls for at least a year. Reassurance volunteer training consists of one 4-hour class and a follow-up training phone call with a Reassurance staff member. The next training class will be held on August 14th from 9:00 AM until 1:15 PM at Family Service's office in Langhorne, PA. For more information or to register, please contact Ellen Vinson, Director of Volunteer Services, at volunteer@fsabc.org or (215) 757-6916, ext. 202. Volunteer applications are also available online at www.fsabc.org/volunteer. If you or someone you know may benefit from Reassurance calls, please call (267) 670-1968.

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