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WHAT IS PACE@Home?

“It is a safe haven for my loved one. As an 88-year-old caregiver myself, I shudder to think what would have happened to me, my husband, and our family had we not found PACE when we did. Thank you!”

“It encourages my dad to stay active, which is so important…with the medical staff nearby, I feel like I have someone to help me in his care.”

Heart-felt comments like these are shared by PACE’s participants and families alike.

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IN SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY

“Our seniors are all different,” Emily Jones explained. “We meet them where they are, in terms of their health, their needs, and capabilities, and our treatment plan for each person is based on professional, ongoing assessments of those requirements.

Photos:

On the cover—Left to right—Emily Jones, program director; Dr. Daniel Andrews, medical director; and Samantha McCoy, center manager

Opposite page—PACE@Home’s Team

Pictured above, top to bottom—Clinic Staff—Left to right—Pam Williams, Tim Duncan, Dr. Daniel Andrews, Lisa Wells, and Kristen Peeler. (Not pictured Kim Nance)

Therapy Staff—Left to right—Summer Blackburn, Jason White, Carolyn McDonald, Laurel Lee Adimey, Dione Jarrett, Mary Bonnett, and Karen Stutesman. (Not pictured Sarah Allen)
and goals. Our team makes certain that our participants receive the necessary medical care so they are able to remain safely at home.” Emily is the program director at PACE@Home. She oversees an extraordinary staff of medical, social services, and ancillary caregivers who work in PACE’s health care facility, its day health center, and in the homes of over 100 senior participants. “Every day I get to see all that we do,” Emily continued. “It’s rewarding to know we are helping people improve their lives. I see family members smile with a sense of relief when they learn that we are available for their loved one.”

“The security of knowing my parent is in a safe environment while away from home. That there are doctors and nurses, if needed. That you let me know immediately if she needs extra care. That she loves being there and interacts with people. PACE @ Home is a true blessing to me”

The Catawba County PACE@Home program now serves all of Catawba County and parts of Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, and Lincoln Counties. Since its founding five years ago, PACE has served about 250 participants. The founding agencies continue to be critical partners in helping seniors receive the health services they need. The board of directors oversees and provides governance of PACE@Home's mission and programming. Nationally, PACE started in San Francisco in the early 1970s and currently has programs in 32 states.

Board members share a passion for seniors and their ability to enjoy life at home. Michelle Roseman sums it up best. “The people we serve often have a hard time finding the medical services they need, but they can get compassionate, life-changing care here at PACE@Home. That our seniors are able to remain living at home is a gift,” she shared. “Our board of directors is one of the strongest, most professional I’ve worked with, and I am so proud of that. I love what we do here. It’s truly important work.”

A FULL SPECTRUM OF CARE

Visitors enter the PACE@Home facility on Fairgrove Church Road through the sunny and spacious adult day health center where seniors participate in activities such as crafts, bingo, health and wellness programs, and so much more. PACE@Home delivers all necessary medical and supportive services that enable seniors with chronic care needs to maintain their independence in their own homes.

PACE@Home is truly all-inclusive and is responsible for meeting medical needs 24/7, 365 days a year. The Program
of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) is an initiative supported by both Medicare and Medicaid programs. It’s designed to deliver innovative, individualized treatment while providing health care and social services to qualified participants aged 55 and older.

A FULL SPECTRUM OF CARE

- Adult day health services
- Medical care and medical specialties
- Meal planning and nutrition services
- Skilled Nursing: home health care and personal care, including assistance with bathing and dressing
- Prescribed medications
- Social services
- Respite care
- Physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy
- Recreational and social activities
- Transportation to health-related appointments and the PACE@Home center
- Hospital care, emergency services and nursing facility care

PACE participants may be fully or partially liable for the costs of unauthorized or out-of-PACE program agreement services. (Excludes emergency services)

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

There are many options to consider when selecting care for yourself or your family. The team at PACE@Home is well-versed in providing guidance and support to help answer your questions and ease your concerns. I suggest giving them a call to learn more. Their professional staff will schedule a home visit to assess your family’s needs and further explain their program. It could be the perfect start to solving a life-changing challenge for you and your family.

Photos, above, top to bottom:
- Transportation Staff—Krista Osborne, Cory Johnson, Archie Ferguson, Kellie Killian, Mark Winkler, Eric Phillips, and Steven Peile. (Not pictured Thad Mull)
- Home Care Staff—Debbie Ball and Regina Peeler
- Intake and Marketing Staff—AJ Kerley, Hank Hardman, and Amanda Justus