

## About the Committee

Members of Abington Quarterly Meeting, in good standing, have various sources of help available. Our Quarter is most fortunate to have funds to help members.

The Home and Care Committee has been empowered to address the needs of members. We have funds to aid older Friends, and more limited funds to help other members of the Quarter. We also help older members plan and make needed changes in living arrangements and in provisions for health care.

We encourage members to consider making plans for their later years while they are still in good health. It is far more difficult to make living adjustments when the situation is urgent.

Members of the Abington Quarterly Meeting Home and Care Committee feel a great responsibility to address the needs of members of the Quarter. We ask Monthly Meetings to inform their members of the assistance available.

## For Information

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ABINGTON  
QUARTERLY  
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# Home and Care Committee

## Our Mission...

We seek to help  
serve the needs of  
members of  
our Quarter

ALL INQUIRIES AND REQUESTS FOR  
ASSISTANCE ARE CONFIDENTIAL

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## General Fund for Aging

The Home and Care Committee of Abington Quarterly Meeting is authorized to approve payments from income on the endowment of the General Fund for Aging  
*"...for the assistance of elderly members of Abington Quarterly Meeting in need of a home... without regard to the location or sponsorship of the home in which the member is a resident.... This purpose [may also] be accomplished by assisting members in residing in their own homes or apartments...."*

From the minutes of Abington Quarterly Meeting, November 10, 1973 and February 6, 1982

Payments may include assistance with entry and monthly fees to a continuing care community and Friends Life Care at Home.

Older members requesting assistance are asked to sign Letters of Intent making any assistance provided, to the extent funds will be available, a priority claim on the estate of the recipient or, when applicable, the estate of the surviving spouse. An older member is age 65 and above.

## Swing Loans

When funds are available, we are able to provide interest-free loans to members who are between selling a home and entering a care facility. These loans are to be repaid after the sale of the home.

## Prescription Drugs

Funds are available for prescription assistance to all older Abington Quarter members. The Home and Care Committee will reimburse 50% of a member's prescription costs and costs for durable medical goods, which may include glasses, hearing aids or walkers. These funds are available without financial disclosure. A person's request is all that is necessary. A potential recipient is asked to sign a Letter of Intent providing for a return of the assistance received. The letter is similar to the letter described for assistance under the General Fund for Aging except that repayment is capped at 10% of a Friend's net taxable estate for Pennsylvania Inheritance Tax purposes.

## PACE Program

The Home and Care Committee offers financial assistance to members who are currently holding PACE cards. We will reimburse costs of those health needs that are not covered by insurance. This may include: eye care, glasses, dental care, podiatrist expenses, hearing aids, prescription drugs and health insurance for those not covered by Social Security. If there are other health needs to be met, they may be submitted to the Committee for consideration. You may be eligible for a PACE card from the state.

## The Enabling Fund

The Home and Care Committee also has the responsibility of administering the Enabling Fund of the Quarter. These funds are limited in amount but are available to members of the Quarter and their dependents, of any age, for short term and emergency needs. They are not to be considered as on-going financial support. Applicants for these grants must complete a financial aid form. They will also be asked to sign a Letter of Expectation of full or partial repayment of the funds received if their circumstances improve significantly in the future.

The following are examples of needs that might be addressed: psychological counseling, short term tutoring or job training, medical costs, rent assistance and utilities, child care, automobile repair when related to job or other family needs. The fund may not be used to reimburse credit card debts.

The needs for assistance should be brought to the attention of the Administrator of the Home and Care Committee, who will review the circumstances with the Clerk and Assistant Clerk of the Committee. If deemed advisable, the Home Meeting may be consulted.

## How You Can Access Services or Get More Information

Rebecca Cratin, the Administrator of the Home and Care Committee, encourages Monthly Meetings to invite her to speak with their Care of Members Committee or interested members. She is most willing to visit Meetings to offer information, advice or help. Requests for all services should be directed to:

- ◆ Rebecca Cratin at 215-542-8738, rhcratin@cratin.com OR
- ◆ Contact your Monthly Meeting representative on the Home and Care Committee OR
- ◆ Contact your Care of Members Committee

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