



Merri and Peter at home. Seven months after the amputation, Peter is independent.

## Forging a New Path after Amputation

### Peter and Merri thank you for your support

"I wasn't done," Peter said. "I was in a wheelchair. I wasn't even ready to go to a walker." His life changed forever after the surgeon amputated his right leg below the knee. Coming home was fraught with complications. But with help from donors like you, Peter and his wife Merri were not alone during this critical time.

Jeremy, a caregiver, was there when Merri was at work. He solved problems, like removing bathroom doors, so Peter could get around independently with his wheelchair.

Peter and Merri have a message for donors: **"Thank you ... we are so thankful ... we can't imagine how we would have done a successful transition otherwise."**

**The Transitions Care Fund provides non-medical care to low-income seniors leaving inpatient rehabilitation care. The goal is to help patients safely transition home.**

## THANKS TO YOU!



# 3,334

Hours of non-medical in-home care provided last year through Resident Care Fund and Transitions



## President's Message

Eskaton Foundation is driving forward to scale impact with the support and dedication of its Board of Directors. At its June board meeting, members around the table unanimously voted to propel Eskaton Foundation forward with an aggressive, yet strategic goal that includes three components.

One component is growing the number of Philanthropic Partners from 36 to 73 by the end of this year. Customizable partnerships engage employees, build brand equity, and provide differentiation in the marketplace.



With a gift of \$10,000 over two-years, companies can become Philanthropic Partners and participate in purposeful networking opportunities with other Partners.

To meet our Philanthropic Partners, go online to [eskaton.org/foundation/philanthropic-partners.html](http://eskaton.org/foundation/philanthropic-partners.html). Each day we add new partners. I hope your company will become a Philanthropic Partner too!

**THANK YOU.**



Patricia, Telephone Reassurance volunteer since 1984

Patricia Pile is passionate about the Telephone Reassurance Program. "It's so important because there are so many seniors and people who are in need of that human contact," she says. "Not a recording. Not the television. Literally, a human being helping ... Not only is this program keeping people alive, but it fosters hope, faith, and joy." Patricia explains why she volunteers, "It's a win-win. You can't lose when you volunteer from the heart."

### Yes! I want to help low-income seniors live independently at home.

I want to support:  Transportation Plus Program  
 Resident Care Fund *Transitions*  
 Other Program: \_\_\_\_\_

My donation is enclosed.

\$25     \$100     \$250     Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for supporting seniors! You can also give online at [EskatonFoundation.org](http://EskatonFoundation.org).**

# Would you deny a low-income senior life-saving trips?

Thanks to you, juggling cancer treatment rides is less stressful for Elaine

Cancer has spread from Elaine's colon to her liver. She believes she can beat it, but getting to all her medical appointments and grocery shopping is a juggling act.

Eskaton Foundation's Transportation Plus Program is crucial to the equation. Elaine's biweekly cancer treatment is a three-day routine: bloodwork, chemotherapy infusion and follow-up. She cannot afford a car, has no children, and has very limited income.

On bloodwork days, a Transportation Plus driver takes Elaine to the diagnostic lab. Afterward, he takes her to the grocery store and home. Her next trip to the lab and grocery is then another two weeks away.

On other days, she relies on a single-stop ride program or a rideshare company. Paying is a hardship.

Chemotherapy is taking its toll. But Elaine says, "I like to pay it forward." She receives Eskaton Telephone Reassurance phone calls. She also volunteers to call other lonely seniors.

When asked what she would say to someone thinking about giving to the Transportation Plus Program, Elaine says, "I hope you will support the program. I really need the rides."



## DID YOU KNOW?



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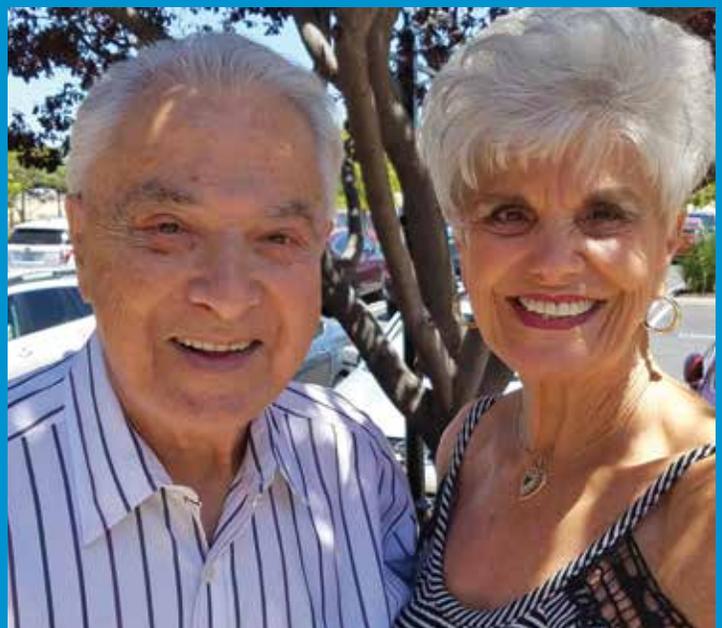
Number of round trip companion rides for homebound seniors provided last year by **Transportation Plus**

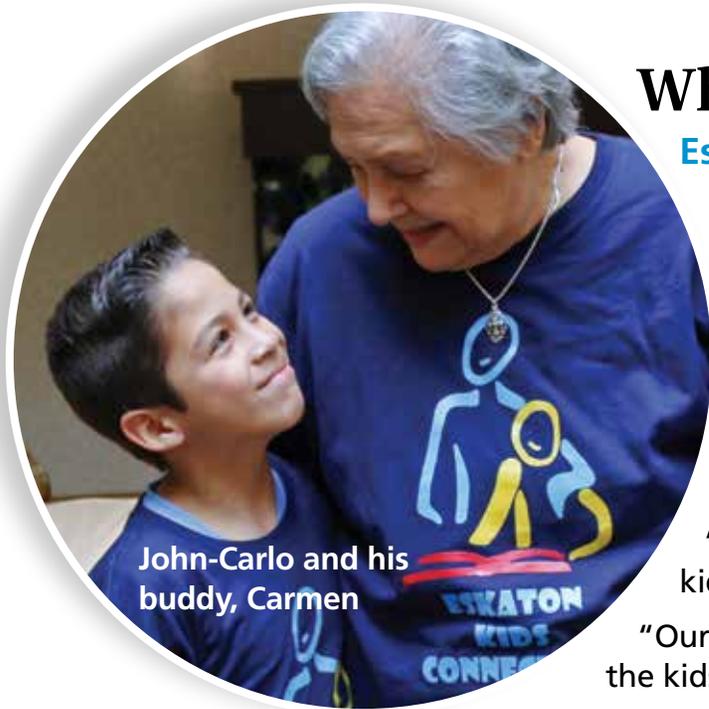


## Senior Wisdom

"After 62 years of a blessed marriage, we want to "give back" by helping the Eskaton Foundation for their senior activities."

– *Vahram and Dolores Cherezian*





John-Carlo and his buddy, Carmen

## Where's My Buddy?

### Eskaton Kids Connection buddies thrive

"They make each other laugh and just have fun together," says Sharon, Eskaton FountainWood Lodge activity director. The children get so excited to see their senior buddies, the first thing they say when they arrive at a community is "Where's my buddy?"

Eskaton Kids Connection has an equally strong impact on residents of memory care. "The residents light up when they're with the kids," says Sharon.

"We have residents who don't talk at all, but when the kids come, they'll talk."

"Our residents genuinely care about these kids, and I think the kids really feel it," says Sharon.



Edward W. Cotney,  
"The Tax Rescue Guy"  
and Family Wealth  
Counselor

## LOOKING TO DECREASE YOUR TAX LIABILITY?

Are you 70½ or older and an IRA owner? Withdraw your Required Minimum Distribution by December 31 to avoid a penalty.

To reduce your taxable income, consider making an **IRA Charitable Rollover** donation. It is important not to withdraw funds prior to making your gift. Have the gift amount distributed directly from an IRA to your qualified charity.

Want to learn more about how to reduce your tax liability? Attend a *free seminar* with Edward W. Cotney, "The Tax Rescue Guy". For seminar dates and locations or more information about IRA Charitable Rollovers, contact Kim Rhinehelder at 916-334-0810.



## Your Therapeutic Song?

In the January issue we profiled the Therapeutic Music program and asked what song you would use for therapeutic music. Readers sent in an array of song titles, from '40s popular music to '60s and '70s songs by The Beatles.

The most interesting title was "Midnight at the Oasis," by Maria Muldaur. Eileen, resident at Eskaton Monroe Lodge, explained her choice. "It was popular in the summertime. It made you feel cool when there wasn't always air conditioning."



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