

UNITED WAY AT WORK IN OUR COMMUNITY



MARIANNE

Marianne is an 86 year old woman who asked a senior-serving agency for help getting to her doctor appointments. The agency asked her to complete a short wellness assessment and discovered multiple issues that revealed the extent of the crisis of Marianne's living situation. She needed not only transportation to address deteriorating health issues, but was living in a home with without water and electricity. Fresh, nutritious meals were increasingly difficult for her to prepare. She was reluctant to let workers into her home and there was concern that her home of 50 years was no longer a safe place for her to live. With her family living out of state, Marianne had little support to help her manage.

Fortunately, this United Way agency is a partner in the collaborative Senior Crisis Intervention Program and knew Marianne was a good candidate for the intensive short term support that SCIP can provide. With the support of other United Way funded senior serving agencies, a case management plan was developed that allowed a social worker to work with Marianne closely. SCIP helped stabilize her situation quickly with services and resources that supported her independence. Partners in SCIP meet together every two weeks to monitor progress of each case, to problem solve and come up with creative approaches to serious problems for seniors.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

This is a great example of how our coordination can help those in Washtenaw County. There are hundreds of Marianne's in our community, who with United Way's help, are treated with dignity and respect. The approach is called 'SCIP: Senior Crisis Intervention Program and it's a new, better way that agencies are working more closely together to help seniors like Marianne.

In addition, your United Way investment will continue to result in a more coordinated approach that will increase the range and depth of services available to seniors, and also make it much easier for seniors to seek and receive help.

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