

## She Can See Your Smile

As we prepare for another Fifth Sunday, we'd like to tell you about Mary, age 94, whose world is almost completely silent now because of hearing loss. When her hearing began to fade, she was already struggling – her legs no longer strong enough to carry her where she wanted to go. She had no family of her own to care for her. She was alone – but not for long.

Because of the past and continued generosity of churches just like you, Mary has a home today – and a family to care for her – at the Christian Health Center. She's not facing her silent days and nights – alone. And with a call button to Christian Care nurses always at her fingertips, she's no longer afraid of the silence.

As she says, "I don't talk so plain anymore and can't always say what I want to say." But speaking from her heart, the words do come: "I'm getting old. I can't walk. I can't hear anymore, but I see the smiles. They (nurses) write on cards (to talk to me). I don't get nervous about little things or scared. I see the light in the hallway, and know they're there. I thank God – everyday."

Only with your support can we continue to provide compassionate care in our Christian Health Centers to the most vulnerable and medically fragile – just like Mary. Our ability to provide care to those who turn to us depends on the caring gifts we receive from churches – like yours.

Today, 7 out of every 10 individuals and families who are turning to us are simply unable to pay for the care they receive. That's why we are asking for your urgent help on behalf of these families.

This Fifth Sunday, your gift will help ensure that no one is ever turned away because of inability to pay or changing financial circumstances. Please help us by making a gift to Christian Care this fifth Sunday. Any amount – large or small – will be greatly appreciated.

We thank you for partnering with us and sharing our commitment to providing care that truly fosters dignity and respect. We are most grateful.



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