

#6 – Lonely Senior...Providence Healthcare

ShareLife is a charity that helps our brothers and sisters in need. Every year, they raise millions of dollars, giving it away to 34 organizations who help more than 100,000 people who are struggling. From young people to those with disabilities, families in crisis to lonely seniors. Here's another example of ShareLife making a difference:

In her early 70's, Margaret noticed she had trouble remembering details about her family. After a few follow up visits to the doctor, she was told the news: she had Alzheimer's and would need to be treated right away. She was referred to an excellent program, offered by Providence Healthcare, a ShareLife agency helping seniors. Providence has one of the leading 24 hours a day/7 days a week Alzheimer programs in Canada. They provide support not just for Margaret but for her family as well. Now Margaret's family can work through the challenges of caring for her and look to the support of Providence day in and day out. Providence Healthcare also provides rehabilitation programs and long term residential programs for seniors in need.

The Dalai Lama once said, "My religion is very simple. My religion is kindness." We give thanks for the gift of our grandparents, the elderly and those who have given so much for us. It's easy to take family for granted – we challenge ourselves not to forget the lonely and sick. Perhaps today is the day we can reach out to those close to us – a phone call, letter or visit can brighten the spirits of those who are alone. Your support of ShareLife will help important agencies like Providence Healthcare continue their work, quietly making a difference each day. May we follow the example of Jesus to care for the lonely among us. They are a gift to be treasured.

Our Father...(or other appropriate prayer)