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Sharard accepting the Employee of the Month Certificate and Gift Card from Niki, Hiring Manger.

Sharard has been employed by Seniors In Place since March of 2009. In that time he has worked for seven different clients. Of the seven clients, he has actually worked for four of these clients for a long period of time. Every time we place Sharard, our clients love him so much that they will not let him go. He has had some difficult people to work with, that no other caregivers could handle and he has risen to the occasion and has done a great job. Sharard is a caregiver that every one of his clients has spoken so highly about. Although I do not have a formal testimonial for Sharard, I had so many notes in his file from clients that he has worked for, with such praise and gratitude that I want to acknowledge him as our employee of the month for September. Congratulations Sharard. We are so proud of you and so thankful you are part of our family.

# How To Become Employee of the Month

So many of our caregivers are worthy of becoming *Employee of the Month*. Many of you have been with Seniors In Place, LLC for years and have done and outstanding job. We have begun this program to honor employees who go above and beyond the call of duty. Only one employee can be Employee of the Month and we will select someone every month who distinguishes themselves with outstanding service.

Do you have a caregiver that goes above and beyond the call of duty? If so, we would like to hear your story. Feel free to send your story about how your Seniors In Place caregiver positively affected your life. Please mail letters to 155 Morris Ave 1st Fl. Springfield, NJ 07081 or Email: nominate@seniorsinplace.com

The Employee of the Month will receive a \$100 America Express Gift Card, Employee of the Month Certificate, will be featured in our monthly newsletter and have their picture displayed in our office.

# **Reporting Hours**

A friendly reminder that your hours need to be called in each **Monday by 11 a.m.** This ensures that we can update our payroll records and pay everyone on each scheduled pay date. If you do not call in your time by the requested deadline, there is the possibility that you will not get paid on the scheduled pay date. You may have to wait until the following pay period. Thank you.

#### New Seniors In Place Uniforms

Seniors In Place is very excited about the new caregiver uniforms. If you did not receive your uniforms please contact the office.

Thank you!

## Contact/Emergency Information

Main: 973-376-1600 Toll Free: 866-703-CARE Fax: 973-376-2555 Emergency: 908-568-6594



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#### Mission Statement:

Seniors In Place's mission is to provide our aging population with the very best companion and personal care at the very best value; provide employment opportunities for people who genuinely care about the well-being of others; and, in the truest sense of the term be "A Family Company That Cares For You".

# A Message from the President



I know that anyone can be involved in a natural disaster; however, it seems to me that today we have more of them then I can remember when growing up. This month is National Preparedness Month and our article articulates the steps we can take to be ready for Mother Nature or any type of disaster. To be quite honest, I never gave this subject a lot of thought, but after our research I have discussed with my wife and children what we should do to be more prepared. Something as simple as having extra water and some provisions on hand is so important. I hope each of you will sit down with your family members, map out a plan and make provisions for an emergency. Please take this month's article seriously. Have a wonderful Labor Day and a great September.

Regards,

Richard J. Blecker



# This is National Preparedness Month Are You Ready?

We have experienced Hurricane Katrina, Hurricane Irene, and thunderstorms that we have not had in years. This month is National Preparedness Month and it is an opportunity to remind people of the importance of being ready for emergencies and steps that they can take.

The three key steps to preparedness are:

#### (1). Build a kit (2). Make a Plan (3). Be Informed

An emergency preparedness kit should include enough supplies for at least three days. Supplies should include water (one gallon, per person, per day), nonperishable food, a flashlight, battery-powered or hand-crank radio, extra batteries, a first aid kit, a 7-day supply of medications, a multi-purpose tool, sanitation and personal hygiene items and copies of important personal documents. The Red Cross also recommends having at least two weeks worth of supplies at home. A variety of emergency preparedness kits, first aid kits and other supplies are available at www.redcrossstore.org.

All members of the household should work together on an emergency plan. Each person should know how to reach other members of the household. The plan should also include an out-of-area emergency contact person, and where everyone should meet if they can't go home. People should be informed about what types of disasters are most likely to occur where they live and how local authorities will contact them in a disaster. Every household should have someone take First Aid and CPR/AED training to be able to respond to health emergencies at home in case advanced medical help is delayed.

A recent Red Cross survey showed that more and more people are using online news sites and social media platforms in an emergency to gather information and let their loved ones know they are safe. The Red Cross, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Ad Council and Google Crisis Response recently launched a new preparedness web resource, Get Tech Ready, which teaches people how to use technology to prepare, adapt and recover from emergencies or disasters.

"During Hurricane Irene, we saw people using new technologies in many ways, whether it was thousands of people downloading our new shelter finder app or others using our Safe and Well site and social media to let their friends and family know they are okay, " said Gail McGovern, president and CEO of the Red Cross. "People now have more resources at their fingertips to use before, during and after emergencies."

Get Tech Ready teaches people how to send updates via text and internet from their mobile phone; how to store important documents in the cloud or on a flash or jump drive and how to create an emergency information document using the Ready.gov Family Emergency Plan template in Google Docs or by downloading the ReadyFamilyEmergencyPlan.

Studies show that up to 40 percent of businesses fail following a natural or man-made disaster. The Red Cross Ready Rating™ Program is a free, self-paced, web-based membership program that helps businesses and schools measure how ready they are to deal with emergencies, and gives customized feedback on how they can improve their efforts.

No one can predict where or when the next large disaster will strike, but preparedness steps taken today can save lives and livelihoods tomorrow. People can contact their local Red Cross to learn what steps they should take to be ready when emergencies strike.

