

Canton Daily Ledger Article

**"National Home Care Month"**

Each November, Spoon River Home Health Services celebrates National Home Care Month, and Home Care Aide Week to pay tribute to the dedicated home care administrators, nurses, clinicians, therapists, aides, and homemakers, who make a remarkable difference in the lives of so many.

This year's themes for National Home Care Month are:

- Home Care: "Preserving Health Independence and Freedom"
- Home Care Aide: "Honoring Those Who Honor Others"
- Hospice: "Love In Action"

Home care is a diverse and dynamic service industry that began in the US in the 1880's. "Home care" encompasses a wide range of health and social services. These services are delivered at home to recovering, disabled, chronically or terminally ill persons in need of medical, nursing, social, or therapeutic treatment and/or assistance with the essential activities of daily living. Approximately 7.6 million individuals currently receive home care from 83,000 providers.

Not everyone is prepared for the responsibility of taking care of parents or loved ones at home. This is why "home care" is Spoon River Home Health Services specialty. Their experienced staff treats everyone as if they were family. It is the goal of Spoon River Home Health Services to provide the best possible in-home care, by helping every family manage the services required to return to or maintain an independent lifestyle.

Spoon River Home Health Services was established in 1993 by Mary Lou Record and her daughter Susan Platt. They began in London Mills with just four nurses and one home health aide. Since the beginning, they have been "Bridging the Gap" between the hospitals, nursing homes, and your home. It wasn't long before the care they were giving in the rural areas surrounding London Mills, spread to the surrounding urban areas as well.

During the past 15 years, Spoon River Home Health Services has grown to a staff of over 100 dedicated employees. They are certified and licensed to provide care in 31 counties within the state of Illinois, though the majority of clients reside in Fulton, Knox, Peoria, Woodford, Tazewell, Mason, and McDonough counties. Available services include infusion therapy, catheter care, lab draws, medication management, dressing, bathing, medical escort, housekeeping, laundry, and grocery shopping. Azer Rehab Systems provides physical, occupational and speech therapy to clients requiring therapy in their home. After all these years Spoon River Home Health Services remains dedicated to bringing quality home care to you.

For more information you may contact Spoon River Home Health Services at 309-245-0723 or on-line at [www.SpoonRiverHomeHealth.com](http://www.SpoonRiverHomeHealth.com).