This weekly program is faith-based and is complimentary to all participants. It allows the caregiver to have a four hour period to do personal errands or just have a few quite hours to themselves and not have to worry about their loved one. It gives the participant attending Special Friends a sense of worth and a purpose to come each week. Emphasis is given to the time of year, with the appropriate decorations for that season. At Christmas we have a coffee in their honor at the home of one of our leaders. Devotions, travelogues, and music offer a variety of programming to amaze and delight each participant. The kitchen crew provides lunch, with the occasional pizza, wraps or holiday fare. This is an incredible holistic ministry focused on the whole family and not just an individual.

**Special Friends is an incredible ministry that helps both the caregiver and those being cared for!**

Special care for those that are dealing with Alzheimer’s and their caregivers. We will take care of your loved one and give you several hours each week to either relax a bit or simply get your errands and other duties done with the peace of mind that your loved one is safe.

**ATTENTION TO THOSE NEEDING CARE**

Special attention to each of the individuals that are entrusted to our care will have programming that is designed to give them a sense of purpose and a feeling of importance. *Clients must be pre-approved by a staff nurse, we are unable to take drop ins.* Volunteers operate under a buddy system.

**ATTENTION TO THE CAREGIVER**

Let’s face it, it is hard for a caregiver who is trying to take care of the needs of another to also to take care of themselves. This ministry gives you a weekly release for a few hours to take care of some of those things you can’t because of the time commitment in taking care of your loved one. Let us help you!

**ATTENTION TO DETAIL EACH TIME WE MEET**

We have meals that are donated each week to ensure that your loved one eats well while in our care. There are also special holiday meals and a few field trips to create a comfortable, but different experience for those here. Know that our best efforts are for the safety and care of your loved one while entrusted to us.

Moving the body is a must at every age!

Moving the mind is also a must, no matter the age!

Busy families are allowed to catch up for a few hours.

Take a look at your schedule, do you have spare time?

Great meals together are enjoyed at Special Friends!

Our kitchen staff is very thorough and attentive!