

## **Community of Care Mission Moment January 2019**

Pearl is one of the many 90+ clients served by Community of Care. She lives in one of the rural Cass County communities. Like many older adults, she wants to continue living in the rural home and community she loves. Pearl is one of the pillars of her community – most people know her as the woman from church, or from the café or they know the house where she lives.

Pearl has a great sense of humor and is sharp as a tack. She continues to participate in community activities, including the Bone Builder exercise class sponsored by Community of Care. During the past year, Pearl has experienced some serious health concerns. The Community of Care staff has provided a wide variety of services to assist Pearl remain in her home, as well as emotional support. Our Faith Community Nurse has helped Pearl contact her doctor, understand her doctor's orders and medications and arrange for in-home equipment. Our Volunteer Coordinator has arranged for dedicated volunteers to provide transportation, sometimes on short notice, so Pearl can attend her medical appointments. Our Care Coordinator has assisted Pearl to apply for fuel assistance, understand her medical bills and review her Medicare Part D drug plan. Pearl's son lives several hundred miles away. He called the Community of Care offices last week for assistance locating and arranging in-home assistance for his mom.

The holistic care provided by Community of Care assists Pearl to continue saying, "There's no place like home in rural Cass County."