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Area Service Providing Helping Hands for 15 Years



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services that keeps a vast number of older Americans continuing to live independently. As we all know baby boomers are getting a little older and with age comes the possible responsibility of caring for elderly or ill relatives. Many caregivers do not know where to

look for help.

Ramzi Rihini and Mike Takieddine created Options for Senior America just for that reason... to help. Ramzi's mother had a stroke at the age of 58 and spent the next 25 years in a wheelchair. "I had the chance and the privilege of taking care of my mother personally, for some period of time before arranging home care for her. It was a rewarding experience," Rihini stated.

From a modest beginning of one office, two staff members and a handful of clients, Options has expanded over the last 15 years.

Establishing an excellent reputation for personal customer service the company has grown to include 11 locations, 38 staff members and over 1000 geriatric healthcare aides,

providing services in Maryland, Washington DC, Virginia, Georgia, Florida and Ohio. The Co-Senior Directors, estimate they have screened over 15,000 aides (complete background checks) and fielded over 25,000 family inquiries over these years.

You Have **OPTIONS...**

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Providing both full-time 'live-in' and part- and full-time 'live-out' services, Options suits each client's needs, accommodating a schedule that works well for the entire family.

The comfort and safety of a care recipient in their own home is the most important concern of the Options team. Clients range

from those who are fairly independent and just need a helping hand to those who require 24/7 hands-on attention and never left unattended. Services begin with a need assessment visit and interview with the caregiver at no cost. There is a 24-hour hotline available and most client needs can be filled within 24 hours.

Options aides are trained to assist the care recipient with an all encompassing variety of activities of daily living; personal hygiene, ambulating, medication reminders, meal preparation, housekeeping, general chores and companionship. These competent, compassionate caregivers assist clients everyday as needed. Entrusted with the well-being of Mom and Dad, the Options care team promises to take care of your loved one like they were their own—bringing added comfort into their lives and yours.

For more information about Options for Senior America call their local offices at Cleveland/440-895-2000, Akron/330-253-6100 or visit their website at www.optionscorp.com. ■

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