

The Comfort of Home. The Connection of Friends.

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When Edna’s husband passed away and the signs of dementia began to appear, her daughter, Laurie, wasn’t sure what to do or where to turn.

Laurie knew how important it was to her mother to stay in her own home. Edna couldn’t bear the thought of leaving the house in which she’d raised her family, the place she’d cooked countless dinners and read so many bedtime stories. “Taking a person out of their home is like taking a turtle out of its shell,” Edna always said. However, Laurie knew she couldn’t stay there alone.

They’d saved money so that Edna could stay in the family home, but money can’t buy health. And as her dementia progressed, something had to give. Laurie made the difficult decision to leave her job and become Edna’s full-time care partner. But after a while, it became clear that Laurie couldn’t do it alone.

A friend suggested the Dorothy and Peter Brown Jewish Community Adult Day Program (operated in partnership with Jewish Senior Life). Edna was skeptical, afraid that she’d have to stay overnight. She thought this was the first step in losing her home and losing herself. Reluctantly, she started attending the program a couple days a week. As she realized she got to come home every night, she fell in love with the Brown Center and started going more often. She made new friends. She played games. Her once lost appetite returned. She laughs, she smiles, and she’s happier than Laurie thought she ever would be again.

Following a divorce, Laurie had to return to work full-time, and because she knew Edna was in good hands, she could do so without fear or regret. Laurie said, “If my mom was just at home all day every day, I don’t know if she would still be alive. She was in such bad shape for a while. Now, when my mom is at the Brown Center, I have no worries. I know they’ll call me right away if there is any question or any issue. I know she is getting great care. My mom is comfortable and happy. Could I want for anything more?”

296 senior adults

participated in enriching activities or volunteered, allowing them to safely remain active and engaged in their community, and age in familiar surroundings.

212 family care partners

received support, referrals, respite and counseling to help them keep their loved ones at home.



Laurie and Edna