

2024 CAREGIVER OF THE YEAR AWARD

FINALIST

**Edna
Palmer**

**Companion Extraordinaire
Henrico, VA**



Edna is always looking out for other people. She is a senior helping other seniors – most of which are her age or older! Edna lost her hearing nearly 40 years ago and has bilateral cochlear implants. She is quick to aid anyone she meets who needs advice regarding the implants, or the numerous other “gadgets” now available. Edna has anonymously donated funds to several of her coworkers for medical bills, housing and tuition. She is known for taking her coworkers to the doctor or to anyplace else where they might need a friend or companion. Also, if she sees an opportunity to help her agency, she does – always carrying a business card to help with staff and client recruiting wherever she goes. With her clients, her attention to detail and keen observation skills have changed AND saved lives. On countless occasions, Edna has noticed a subtle change in cognition or change in condition. She knows if a client is showing signs of an infection, or if their cognition, vital signs or breathing has changed. She notices very subtle changes that no one else seems to and immediately reports this to her supervisor. The families of her clients often call the office and suggest that she be rewarded and recognized, which we do!