



Ons Zorgnetwerk, one of the 6 organisations for family care in Flanders





What do we mean with family care ?

- You ensure on a regular basis a relative, neighbor, friend, ...
- The care you give is more than usual
- You do this because of the social and emotional bond you have with that person
- But you don't do this for your profession and not as a volunteer
- You provide the care for the person at home or at the institution.



- More than 600 000 family carers in Flanders
- 13 000 members in our organisation
- We support them with
 - ✓ Newspaper
 - ✓ Informal meetsessions
 - ✓ Information and formation
 - ✓ Professional support





Every year 'day of the family carer' on 23 June, the longest day of the year
Thanks-actions





Landelijke Thuiszorg, organisation for Home-Health-Care

2 special initiatives

- Service for Care Neighbors
- Service for Host Care for elderly people
 - ✓ Host family
 - ✓ Care farm



Service for Care Neighbors



- Volunteers in de neighborhood
- The neighbor carer brings a visit on regular basis
- No household or caring help
- Help like retrieve mail form the mailbox, handling the window shutters , reading out of papers ...
- Company, listening
- Figure of trust
- Especially the neighbor carer is a “good neighbor”



Service for Host Care

Host family

- Typical: alternative, small and domestic context of daycare
- Daycare in the kitchen, livingroom of the host family
- Voluntary basis
- Host family gives a warm welcome and activities like walking in the garden, little help in the kitchen, reading the newspaper, ...
- The host comes on regular basis
- Sometimes there is also a possibility for care for a short period



Service for Host Care Care Farm



- In fact it's the same as a host family but on a farm
- Activities related to the farm like little help in the stable, feeding the animals, ...
- Giving a hug to the animals can also be an activity
- Subsidy from the government of agriculture: € 40/day (1-3 persons at the same time)
- Typical for carefarms for elderly : the farmerswife is in this situation mostly a nurse or a professional educator, familyfactory (man and wife are working together), mostly on a mixed farm or a dairy farm
- Very positive effects for people with young dementia
- The service works together with the Flemish support centre of Green Care (matching offer en demand)

