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Mature Services' Homecare program receives grant

WEST AKRON — Mature Services' Homecare program recently received a \$2,500 grant from BJ's Charitable Foundation to provide services to help older adults stay in their homes and remain independent for as long as possible.

The award will be used to purchase essential supplies to continue to serve older adults and older adults with disabilities who live in the area, according to agency officials.

The Homecare program provides home health aides who assist with personal care, housekeeping and vital errands such as grocery shopping for older adults and older adults with disabilities, with services available to eligible residents of Summit County, according to agency officials.

"This award will provide essential supplies for our Homecare program, and there is a growing need for these services," said Linda Valentine, president and CEO of Mature Services.

Mature Services was established in 1975 to provide high-quality programs to empower the economic, social, physical and mental well-being of adults as they age, according to agency officials. Mature Services' programs include: homecare; alcohol, substance abuse and gambling treatment and prevention; mental health counseling; job training; home delivered and congregate meals; a farmers' market; volunteer opportunities; and an emergency food pantry.

"Support from companies like BJ's make it possible for us to serve this growing segment of our population," said Penny Holvey, director of Homecare.

To learn more about Home-care and Mature Services' other programs, visit matureservices.org or contact Holvey at 330-253-4597, ext. 123.