

**DARTS****your connection to possibilities**

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There's something very special about Phoebe.

Can you guess what it is?

She's an older person living very modestly in the home she's occupied for decades. Of course, that's pretty typical of many people DARTS serves.

She moves slowly, relying on her walker. It's difficult to vacuum and dust. But like hundreds of others in our community, Phoebe's homemaker from DARTS tackles these chores for her.

Phoebe loves her yard, but the upkeep is beyond what she can do. She's grateful for a committed DARTS volunteer who has kept her lawn mowed and her sidewalk shoveled for years.

Every spring and fall, Phoebe welcomes groups of students and corporate volunteers who appear on her doorstep ready to rake leaves and clean out flower beds. That's something special, but the same happens for dozens of other older adults who benefit from amazing volunteers recruited by DARTS.

Phoebe's granddaughter and great-granddaughter visit almost every day. Still, living alone in a quiet house sometimes leaves Phoebe feeling a bit isolated. A volunteer visitor from DARTS regularly stops in to brighten her day; many elders in our community enjoy volunteer visits.

In a lot of ways, she's like many older adults who want to maintain their independence.

So, what's so special about Phoebe?**Just weeks ago, Phoebe celebrated her 100th birthday.**

A dedicated family along with compassionate volunteers and the care and professionalism of DARTS staff made it possible for Phoebe to celebrate this milestone living exactly where she wanted...

In her own home.**Your support helps make this picture of independence possible.**

Please send your year-end contribution to DARTS today. Together, we can support Phoebe and hundreds like her.

And that's pretty special.

Thank you for investing in our work,

Mark Hoisser
President

I am able to stay in my home because I finally asked for help - DARTS is a wonderful organization for us old people and thank you very much.

Phoebe

P.S.: We truly need your support right now. Year-end gifts in 2008 helped us make it over the first hurdle of this recession. **We're counting on you and our other loyal supporters to join with us again this year.**

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