Heroes in the Home
Caregiver Recognition Award 2018

Nguyen (Kim) Parker

Kim is a doting, supportive wife, providing her husband John with the care and support he needs. Kim has been caring for John and helping him live with advanced Alzheimer's disease for more than three years.

Kim has made it her mission to keep John out of long-term care for as long as possible, despite the challenges associated with providing care and support at home. She encourages him every day to be positive and keeps John engaged by taking him to an adult day program during the week.

John needs around the clock supervision, cueing and assistance for all daily activities of living. Kim provides all personal support in addition to caring for their household, grocery shopping, meals transportation, companionship and emotional support.

Prior to being diagnosed, John enjoyed a career as an auto sales representative and business owner who took pride in taking excellent care of his family. John's passion for cars rubbed off on his wife Kim who enjoys working as a part-time driving instructor, teaching people the rules of the road and the skill of driving. John and Kim have a son who lives nearby and the three of them enjoy regular family visits.

Kim is described by her nominator as polite and always appreciative. Her gentle approach to caring for John is a true testament to what it means to love unconditionally.

We are grateful to Kim for providing John with such wonderful care and support, and we are pleased to recognize her as a Hero in the Home!

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