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**VA Western NY Healthcare System to Hold Caregiver Fair**

November is National Family Caregiver Month and caregivers provide valuable services to Veterans by assisting them with accessing the health care system, providing emotional and physical support and allowing Veterans to choose to stay in their home over institutional care. On Friday, November 2, 2012, VA Western New York Healthcare System will hold a caregiver fair from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Freedom Hall at the Buffalo VA Medical Center, 3495 Bailey Avenue, Buffalo.

The caregiver fair is an opportunity to obtain information about community and VA resources to help caregivers, including hospice and palliative care, dementia care services, long term care and home care, respite services, and home-based medical programs, case management, companion services, support and education.

VA recently implemented the caregiver assistance program, which allows eight different innovative approaches to providing support and services to caregivers of Veterans and every VA Medical Center now has a Caregiver Support Coordinator who is a licensed professional who supports caregivers by matching them with services for which they are eligible.

VA support programs may include Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) Centers, Home-Based Primary Care, Skilled Home Care, Homemaker and Home Health Aide Program, Home Telehealth, Respite Care and Home Hospice Care. "It is an honor to have been selected to support Veteran caregivers with the best care at home," said Mary Skibinski, VA Western New York Healthcare System Caregiver Support Coordinator, "and I encourage our caregivers to attend the fair on November 2." For more information about the fair, contact Sue Engel at 862-3158 or access information for caregivers on VA's website at <http://www.caregiver.va.gov/index.asp>.

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