



Angel of the Month: **Eslie Lacroix**

We are thrilled to award Eslie Lacroix Angel of the Month for February 2020. Eslie joined Visiting Angels Newton/Canton in February of 2016. She was described as experienced, friendly, and kind in her initial interviews.

Eslie is a native of Haiti, and one of nine children. Her first profession was as a hairstylist. She, her husband and four of her sisters relocated to Massachusetts in the early 2000s. They found a welcoming community with the Zion Baptist Church in Stoughton. Eslie realized her calling as a professional Caregiver twelve years ago when her father suffered a stroke. She recognized that there were so many older people that needed assistance and care, and knew that she could provide comfort to others. She became an HHA and worked with various agencies and facilities before joining the Visiting Angels Newton/Canton family.

Eslie enjoys spending quality time with her family, shopping, and traveling to Caribbean destinations whenever possible. She shared that her success as a Caregiver comes from her ability to assess the needs of her Client, and learn their boundaries and expectations. Her goal on each shift is to provide love and comfort.

Eslie has worked with twenty-six clients for Visiting Angels Newton/Canton to date. Case Manager Elizabeth Quagraine learned what an asset Eslie was as a professional Caregiver when she worked with her on an extremely complicated case that required someone who could understand the subtleties of dealing with both physical and emotional disabilities. Many Caregivers were unable to maintain perspective under the pressure they experienced, but Eslie displayed great calm and patience on each shift. Elizabeth learned of her incredible integrity and loyalty during this time. She truly has a heart of gold and believes in following through on her commitments and responsibilities.

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Eslie has shown tremendous patience and professionalism in working with her current Client. She finds a way to maneuver around her Client's agitation, completing her tasks, and keeping her composure. Eslie has been reliable and comes through for Visiting Angels Newton/Canton whenever she can in emergencies and filling in on shifts when her schedule allows.

In closing, we want to thank you, Eslie, for your dedication, kind heart, and the joyful presence you bring to Clients who are fortunate enough to have you as their Caregiver. You have proven yourself to be hardworking, dedicated, skilled, dependable, and very loving.

We are grateful to have you as part of our team at Visiting Angels Newton/Canton and look forward to working with you for years to come.