



## **A Special Co-Angel of the Month:** **Mosunmola (Mo) Johnson & Marie Bellefleur-Raymond**

We are incredibly honored to award Mosunmola (Mo) Johnson, and Marie Bellefleur a very special Co-Angel of the Month for June 2019. Mo began working with Visiting Angels Newton/Canton in November of 2013, and Marie came aboard in March of 2017.

We are celebrating these two amazing women together because of the outstanding care they provided as a team. Their Client has just recently been moved out of state and will be missed greatly. She was with us for two years and needed much support. Her Case Manager, Elizabeth Quagraine, took on the task of setting up a team of Caregivers that would provide top-notch services. Many obstacles and situations led Elizabeth and her team to assist with more than just providing care to their Client. This included, bug infestations, water damage and several house maintenance issues, which required in-depth communication with the Clients family and friends frequently. Both Mo and Marie had live-in shifts with this Client.

Both caregivers accepted this case in August of 2017 and worked with their Client through May 2019, when she was relocated. Mo was able to navigate her dementia with laughter and redirection. She showed this Client patience and used her years of experience and training to reassure her and provide quality care. Mo remembers fondly taking her Client to dinner, for long walks, and endless conversations before her dementia became severe. Mo's primary goal was to make sure her Client was happy and comfortable. This Client will always hold a special place in Mo's heart, "She is just a wonderful person inside and out. Her joy and smile always filled me with happiness."

This Client was Marie's second and longest case to date. Marie was wonderfully patient and understanding with her and sympathized with her challenges. She put extra effort into cleaning the home and preparing their Client's favorite meals. She and their Client built a wonderful bond, and Marie cared for her as she would her own mother. The Client's family asked if Marie would travel with her to the new location and stay with her for the first week to help her adjust. Marie stayed with their Client in her room at the nursing home, providing reassurance and support. Just like Mo, Marie was heartbroken when she had to leave their Client on the final day.

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Family and friends would frequently remark on the outstanding quality of care their loved-one received from both Caregivers. They consistently told Elizabeth how grateful they were to have Mo and Marie on board.

Mo and Marie stayed committed to their Client through many exceptional circumstances. They did not waver in their dedication to providing her with loving care. Elizabeth remarked that these two Caregivers continuously went above and beyond their care duties.

Mo and Marie, we are so grateful for your outstanding service, dedication, and reliability on this assignment. You have both shown strength and great compassion, never becoming discouraged by conditions, and faithfully caring for your Client.

Congratulations on being Co-Angels of the Month for June 2019! The award is well-deserved.

**Mo and Marie's individual Angel of the Month articles are on the following pages.  
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## Mosunmola (Mo) Johnson

We are honored to award Mosunmola (Mo) Johnson, a very special Co-Angel of the Month for June 2019. Mo began working with Visiting Angels Newton/Canton in November 2013.

Mo is originally from Nigeria and moved to the United States in 1999, where she has lived in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Mo was a flight attendant for Nigeria Airways for 25 years before becoming a CNA. She has four brothers, who moved to MA and RI before her, and she would travel to visit them often before they convinced her to move to the U.S. permanently.

Mo has three daughters, one son, and four grandchildren. Her son is currently at Harvard, working towards his Master's Degree in International Business. Her second oldest daughter is a Nurse Practitioner living in Atlanta, and her other two daughters and their families live in Nigeria.

Mo has always been a caring person and has enjoyed meeting new people and learning about different cultures. She has traveled the world on long flights and believes that her time as a flight attendant helped her hone her caregiving skills before becoming a CNA, and caring for seniors.

Mo enjoys cooking, shopping, and going to church. She likes to visit different churches to meet people and participate in their styles of worship. However, she loves spending time with her children and grandchildren more than anything. Mo plans to travel when she retires, returning to Nigeria for visits and adventuring through Europe (one of her favorite continents to visit).

Mo has had fourteen Clients with us to date. All of her cases have been live-in shifts. Mo worked with Clients whose diagnosis' have included cancer, hoarding, dementia, and hospice care. Thankfully, Mo has extensive experience and has been able to step right in on a case and provide knowledgeable care to all of her Clients.

Mo has had many challenging cases in her six years with Visiting Angels Newton/Canton. Mo used her maturity, experience, and professionalism to win these Client over. Another case that stands out is that with her Client who had Parkinson's disease, a hip fracture and was bedbound. Mo was consistent, kind, and experienced in handling his disorientation, lack of ambulation, and an array of other difficulties.

Mo has been on many long-term live-in cases and has handled each one with skill, communicating her Client's needs and changes expertly. She has been consistent and reliable and handles all "challenges" with a sense of humor and the ability to stay focused on the task at hand.

Mo, your dedication, understanding, and patience are genuinely valued by us all. We are grateful for your expertise and calm demeanor in the face of adversity. We thank you for being a wonderful member of the Visiting Angels Newton/Canton team.



## Marie Bellefleur-Raymond

We are honored to award Marie Bellefleur-Raymond a very special Co-Angel of the Month for June 2019. Marie began working with Visiting Angels Newton/Canton in March 2017.

Born in Haiti, Marie moved to the United States in 2014 with her husband and daughter. They initially lived in Queens, New York, with her sister and husband. "My lovely sister and brother-in-law were so good to my family and me during the time we lived with them, and I will be forever grateful." Marie is one of seven children who live in Haiti, Florida, Georgia, and New York. She and her husband relocated to Massachusetts to be closer to his sister. Marie's daughter just graduated high school and is pursuing her nursing degree in Rhode Island.

Marie started her career as a Caregiver while living in New York. Her first Client was 100 years old. Marie described her experience with her Client with great fondness. She realized how much she enjoyed taking care of seniors and became a certified HHA after relocating to MA. She worked on several private cases before coming on full-time with Visiting Angels Newton/Canton.

Marie loves to cook and keep her home tidy. She is very involved with her church and participates in a prayer group that travels to visit homebound congregants on Wednesdays. She is looking forward to going back to Haiti to visit her brother, family, and friends in the near future and visits her mother and two siblings in New York whenever possible.

Marie has provided services for four Clients since joining our team. She has accepted both live-in and long hour assignments, and each Client had difficult circumstances that required great skill, knowledge, and experience. Marie is naturally compassionate and brings warmth and joy to her work.

Her first Client was a hospice patient, and because of her condition, Caregivers had to take special precautions while caring for her. Marie worked with her Client until her passing. Marie was consistent and dedicated to her Client's needs and did not waver in her commitment.

The Client for which Marie is awarded Co-Angel of the Month was her second Client. She worked with this Client for the entire two years she had services with Visiting Angels Newton/Canton. Marie was wonderfully patient, and understanding as their Client's dementia became more severe, adapting her care as needed.

It takes a special kind of person with experience, dedication, and a commitment to providing care from the heart. Marie has never complained about the conditions or difficulties she encountered while working with her Clients. She has consistently shown perseverance and strength in the face of every situation, focusing on providing the best care possible.

Marie, we are incredibly grateful to you for all of your hard work and compassion. We value you as a member of the Visiting Angels Newton/Canton team and look forward to working with you for years to come.