

# Inspiring Lives

Due to a combination of unexpected health concerns and lack of adequate care staff, Brenda Elliott and her husband Earl were admitted into different Nursing Care Facilities. The barriers brought on by COVID and the care giver crisis made it very difficult for Brenda and Earl to return to safe, affordable housing in the community that would address their new found care needs.

After being admitted into the Nursing Facility for rehab after a hospital stay, Brenda was referred to MORC Home Care's Nursing Facility Transition Program and upon hearing her husband was in another facility, Support Coordination Staff didn't hesitate to start working with him as well. Although the two had an apartment they called home, it lacked the supports and services on site for them to thrive. After an extensive review of their health care needs, desired housing options and program eligibility, a referral was made to the MI Choice Waiver Program.

MI Choice Waiver is a Program that can provide Medicaid-covered services, like those provided by nursing homes, in an individual home or residential setting. American House Troy was chosen as the desired location for the couple.

The Nursing Facility Transition program and MI Choice Waiver Program coordinated together to assure that the Elliott's transitional needs were covered, as well as that long term care services were provided. The Transition program was able to provide kitchen, bathroom and household items, furniture, and more so that the couple could regain the independent life they once had.



In May, Brenda and Earl were happily reunited into community living after being apart for over a year. With the comforts of senior housing, Brenda & Earl are able to age in place independently at American House where meals are provided, housekeeping is covered and most importantly the couple can be together.