



# The Family Caregiver

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Newsletter of the Lewis-Mason-Thurston Family Caregiver Support Program

Spring 2020

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Greetings,

Just when we thought our care receiver with Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's, or cancer was not enough to consume our minds and energy, along comes COVID-19. The virus is on all of our minds, and you and your family members are on our minds. We cannot imagine the energy, patience, and stress involved, but do offer our thoughts and hope for you.

Whether you are taking care of a family member at home, a spouse in care outside of the home, or helping a parent at a distance, patience and a bit of self-care go a long way. Breathe. As Teepa Snow says, "take another breath."

Page three of this newsletter is an updated list of grocery and other delivery services for you. When in doubt, call the business or grocery store to see if they are delivering or have curbside pick-up.

On page 2 are thoughts and insights from caregivers we call "Heard it from a Caregiver." It is the third time we have compiled a list, so it has become a bit of a series. We hope you have a laugh, a cry, or a sigh, from what your caregiving peers have given us their kind permission to share with you. Be well – we will see you on the other side of COVID-19.

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**"Please go out in the fresh air, take a step back, close your eyes and take a deep breath!"**

*Diana T. Yu, MD, MSPH -Acting Health Officer, Thurston County*

To read the rest of Dr. Yu's Letter to the community about the coronavirus check out the Olympian

<https://www.theolympian.com/news/coronavirus/article241244626.html>

## "Heard it from a caregiver" *part 3*

The quotes below are from caregivers who permitted us to share their soul revealing, heart felt genius which can only come from hardships and hard earned lessons.

On their behalf, kindly accept these wisdoms, which come in many forms.

"I give my husband a turkey dog and now he SLEEPS at night!" *S.J.*

"You don't have to change yourself, just change what you do." *Janet*

An old saying becomes anew in light of caregiving, "when right isn't right, go left." *H.N.*

"I knew the angels would help, but I did not think they would take this long!" *S.S.*

After a beneficial medication change one caregiver proclaimed her husband has been experiencing "Zoloft-assisted-cheerfulness." *W.S.*

After much reflection on life as a caregiver, Gary shared "Without me, I have nothing."

Caregiving is not like the movie *Grand Torino*. "Most things **cannot** be solved with duct tape, vise grips and WD 40." - *A bunch of the guys from the Olympia group*

A caregiver's nephew had tidied up her place while she was visiting her husband at an assisted living facility. Upon returning, she surveyed his efforts she came to the conclusion, "kindness is a box of kindling." *J.P.*

"They have dementia, they are not the problem. I am the problem and I am the solution." *Anon.*

When a care receiver feels his wife is making too many of the household decisions he exclaims, "Don't dementiate me." *L.M.*

"Deep breathing is a non-denominational prayer." *J.F.*



## PICK-UP AND DELIVERY SERVICES FOR GROCERY AND RESTAURANTS

COMPILED AS OF MARCH 2020

STORE	WEBSITE	PHONE APP	DELIVERY	PICKUP	PHARMACY	COUNTY AVAILABLE
DOORDASH RESTAURANT DELIVERY	<a href="http://doordash.com">doordash.com</a>	Phone or Tablet Required	YES	NO	NO	THURSTON LEWIS
UBER EATS RESTAURANT DELIVERY	<a href="http://ubereats.com">ubereats.com</a>	Phone or Tablet Required	YES	NO	NO	THURSTON ONLY
POSTMATE RESTAURANT DELIVERY	<a href="http://postmates.com">postmates.com</a>	Phone or Tablet Required	YES	NO	NO	THURSTON ONLY
GRUBHUB RESTAURANT DELIVERY	<a href="http://grubhub.com">grubhub.com</a>	Phone or Tablet Required	YES	NO	NO	THURSTON ONLY
INSTACART	<a href="http://instacart.com">instacart.com</a>	Phone or Tablet Required	YES	NO	NO	THURSTON LEWIS MASON
FRED MEYER	<a href="http://fredmeyer.com">fredmeyer.com</a>	YES	NO	YES	PICKUP ONLY	THURSTON MASON
WALMART	<a href="http://walmart.com">walmart.com</a>	YES	YES	YES	PICKUP DELIVERY	THURSTON LEWIS MASON
TARGET	<a href="http://target.com">target.com</a>	Phone or Tablet Required	NO	YES	PICKUP DELIVERY	THURSTON ONLY
ALBERTSON	<a href="http://shop.albertsons.com">shop.albertsons.com</a>	YES	YES	YES	PICKUP ONLY	THURSTON ONLY
SAFEWAY	<a href="http://shop.safeway.com">shop.safeway.com</a>	YES	YES	YES	PICKUP ONLY	THURSTON ONLY
RALPHS THRIFTWAY	<a href="http://shop.mwwebgrocer.com">shop.mwwebgrocer.com</a>	NO	NO	YES	NO	OLYMPIA ONLY
Walgreens	<a href="http://walgreens.com">walgreens.com</a>	YES	YES	YES	PICKUP DELIVERY	THURSTON LEWIS

This list was compiled as of March 2020. Please visit the store or the stores website for more information. The information change at anytime.



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### *Thurston County*

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### *Lewis County*

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