

Truth Be Told

A Couple in Their 80's Face Eviction

As a result of multiple health challenges, Tom and Mary Ann had difficulty paying the rent on the apartment they lived in for several years. Mary Ann was experiencing dementia symptoms and Tom had a stroke that made it difficult to get around. A concerned neighbor called MAARC line (Minnesota Adult Abuse Reporting Center) who contacted a human services social worker. The social worker identified next steps for Tom and Mary Ann. A living facility that met their needs was identified. A family member was identified to provide power of attorney (POA) representation for Tom and Mary Ann.

The next challenge was to process the financial program paperwork, which they needed to move into their living facility of choice. This took some time and was complicated due to the memory loss. A social worker was able to work with the apartment management company to allow them to stay in the apartment until the paperwork was in place.

With the paperwork complete and services in place, Tom and Mary Ann moved. They are now living together in a living facility, where they are able to be safe and happy. Their family member with power of attorney handles their finances and ensures future bills are paid and their changing needs are proactively met.



To report maltreatment or concern about health and safety of vulnerable adults, contact the MAARC Line ([Minnesota Adult Abuse Reporting Center](#)) at 844-880-1574.



Did you know?

Medicare is the United States federal government health insurance program for Americans who are 65 years of age and older. These benefits are intended to cover the costs of healthcare associated with advanced age.

Medicaid is a health care program that assists low-income families or individuals in paying for doctor visits, hospital stays, long-term medical, custodial care costs and more. Medicaid is a joint program, funded primarily by the federal government and run at the state level, where coverage may vary. This program is called Medicaid in most states; in Minnesota, it is formally called Medical Assistance (MA).

For questions about Medicare or MA, contact Stearns County Human Services 320-656-6000 or hsinfo@co.stearns.mn.us.