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FAIRFIELD

## Local couple opens senior home care franchise

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**FAIRFIELD** — A Fairfield couple has launched the first local franchise of Seniors Helping Seniors in Butler and Warren counties.

Andrew and Mary Spatt are co-owners of the franchise which pays local senior citizens to offer non-medical home care — ranging from companionship, transportation, meal preparation, pet care and home maintenance — to other seniors in need. The goal is to help residents continue to live independently in their homes, Andrew Spatt said.

“There is a real need for compassionate, quality and loving care for seniors in our community,” Mary Spatt said. “We want to make a difference in people’s lives and this is truly a great way to provide the assistance that is needed.”

The franchise is holding a grand opening from 5 to 7 p.m. March 28 at the Fairfield YMCA, 5220 Bibury Road, Fairfield.

Andrew Spatt said while the business is based in Fairfield, it will serve Butler and Warren counties and northern Hamilton County.

The business is currently accepting new clients, as well as those interested in providing the services.

“The concept is to enlist seniors, those who want to get out and give of a care-taking type of opportunity to others who want to live independently,” Andrew Spatt said. “Our mission is to bond the senior community together.”

The Fairfield couple was inspired to bring Seniors Helping Seniors to Butler County after caring for Andrew Spatt’s father who suffered a heart attack and stroke in 2012. They helped with daily needs including grocery shopping, cleaning the house and meal preparation.

“After seeing what a difference this made in his life we wanted to offer that support for other families who may live far away from their loved ones, or who just need that extra help,” Andrew Spatt said.

Seniors Helping Seniors — originally founded in the late 1990s in Pennsylvania — has now grown to more than 200 franchises across 40 states.

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