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### **Providing Cooling Comfort PACE Supports Family Through Summer Heatwaves**

Elaine and her family were referred to PACE by CRIS Healthy Aging after their home's air conditioning failed during extreme summer heat. Because of a medical disability, staying cool was essential, but efforts to find help elsewhere had been unsuccessful. Through our Pull for Access pop-tab fund, PACE purchased two standing fans from Walmart and personally delivered them to the family, providing immediate relief and improved safety.

Elaine expressed sincere gratitude, sharing that PACE was there when they had nowhere else to turn. This support reflects the impact of community partnerships and how together we can make a difference.

#### **Community Impact Spotlight**



## Supporting Stability Through Community Partnership



With support from a grant received from the McKinley Foundation, PACE was able to cover the apartment hold fee so Jimmie Dorris could secure a safe, affordable unit in Champaign. Mr. Dorris had been working with us since May 2023 and, after leaving a family member's home in February 2025, he was relying on hotels costing about \$1,000 per month. We're grateful to have been able to assist at this pivotal moment and will continue coordinating with community partners to support a stable move-in. As Mr. Dorris shared, "things are finally starting to come together."

## Supporting Safety and Independence at Home



With support from a grant received from the McKinley Foundation, PACE was able to have a grab bar installed for Mrs. Liggett in her bathroom after a fall which made daily tasks unsafe. The modification improved her stability and confidence, helping her remain safely at home. We're grateful for the opportunity to assist and for the partnership that made this possible.

Consumer reflection: "After experiencing a fall, everyday tasks became difficult and unsafe. Thanks to PACE, I was able to have a grab bar installed in my bathroom. It has made such a difference in my daily life, giving me the stability and confidence I need to stay safe in my own home. Thank you for helping me regain some independence and peace of mind."

## Upcoming Events

### Illinois Marathon 2026

Donate to **PACE**  
Proud Running Partner Three Years in a Row

**ILLINOIS**

*2026 Race Weekend*  
**APRIL 23-25, 2026**



**Start**  
7:30 pm

# PACE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

- Reader, Writer
- Data Entry
- Illinois Marathon course volunteer

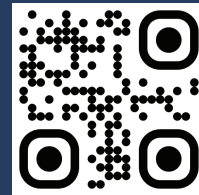
### Funding Partnership Provides Essential Dental Care



The parent of a child with a disability contacted PACE in need of financial assistance to cover son's specialized dental care. Because the procedures required a dentist experienced in serving children that face sensory challenges, the family had limited options.

PACE was able to assist in acquiring the funding from Empty Tomb. With their assistance the mother was able to ensure her son was going to receive safe care from a qualified specialist. PACE is thankful for this partnership and shared commitment to ensuring access to essential services for consumers in our community.





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