

# Your United Way support gave Bill and Sarah a chance to escape abuse and help others.

Bill and his wife Sarah are local senior citizens who spend their time participating in community center trips and serving on community councils on aging. Today, their lives are filled with activities that help others.

They lead very active and rewarding lives... but there was a time when each new day brought new reasons to fear and worry about survival.

"We used to live in the residence of a troubled young woman. She was also caring for a sick parent, and she took out her anger and frustrations on us," Sarah said.

The young woman, who was supposed to be a caretaker for Bill and Sarah, was instead physically & verbally abusive.

In addition to the abuse, the woman kept Bill and Sarah's social security checks when they arrived in the mail.

That meant Bill and Sarah had no money, and the woman was not providing the daily necessities they needed.

She would cook meals, but only allowed them to eat "certain portions."

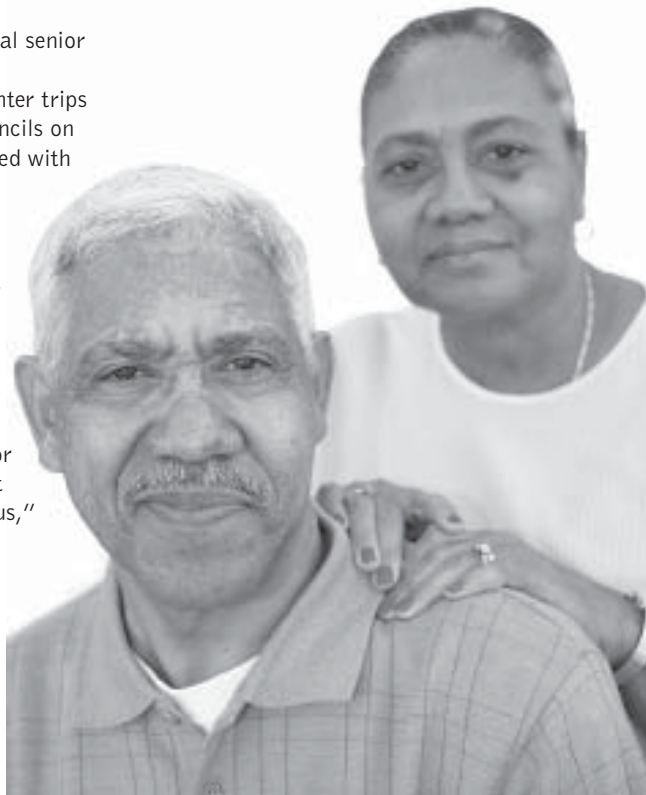
Bill and Sarah were finally able to make contact with a United Way partner agency that runs a care facility for seniors. The abusive woman was reported to authorities, and Bill and Sarah left to move into the United Way funded care facility. Sarah was so impressed with the new level of care, she eventually became a salesperson for the association.

But Sarah's activities didn't stop there. She also started a neighborhood association group for seniors, making sure everyone can attend meetings and contribute.

Sarah and her husband Bill were once in critical need of help, but thanks to your support of United Way's network of care, they are now helping others with needs.

True events. Names and photos are changed to protect confidentiality.

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