# The Hidden Costs of Caregiving

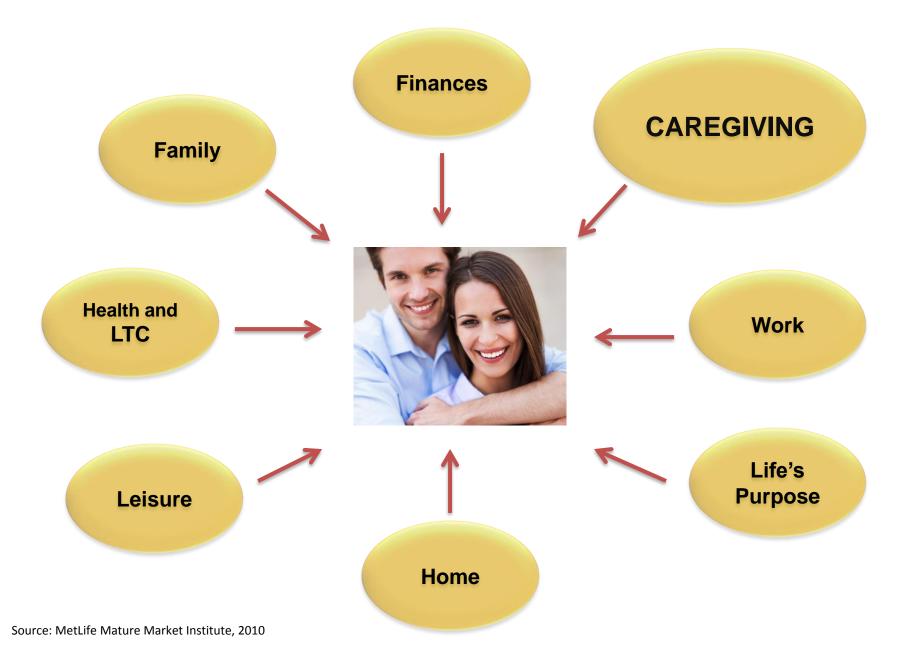
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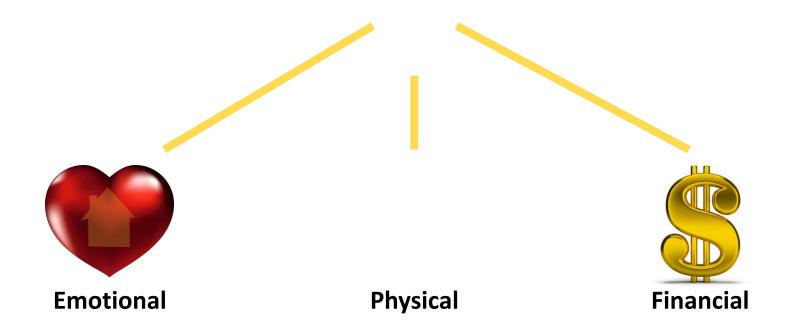
# Caregiving: It's All in the Family

- One in five households provide care (43.5M)
- Caregivers are predominately women (66%)
- Average age = 49 years
- 85% care for a relative
  - 49% parent or parent-in-law
  - 10% spouse



#### A Caregiver's Perspective

#### **CAREGIVING**





#### Caregivers are the Unsung Heroes

- Caregivers Put in Long Hours
  - 24.4 Hours Per Week
  - 41+ Hours Per Week (25%)
- They help with at least one ADL (i.e., dressing, feeding)
- They help with several IADLs (I.e., money management, grocery shopping, cooking)



# Most Caregivers are Working

- Six in ten are employed
- Two-thirds have gone in late, left early, or taken time off due to caregiving
- One in seven took a leave of absence
- Others have
  - Moved from full to part-time employment
  - Retired early
  - Turned down a promotion
  - Left the workforce entirely



#### Caregivers Lose Money

- Caregivers spend \$5,531 per year on out of pocket expenses
- They can lose \$300,000+ in lifetime wealth due to lost wages,
   Social Security and savings
- Spousal caregivers spend down assets and have no money left to pay for care
- Caregivers often pay for their parents' care



### **Employers Also Lose**

- \$17.1 \$33.6 Billion per year in lost productivity due to
  - Caregiver absences and time off
  - Replacement costs
- \$13.4 Billion per year in health care costs
  - Higher incidence among caregivers of chronic conditions, selfneglect, and substance abuse

Source: Studies from the National Alliance for Caregiving and the MetLife Mature Market Institute (<a href="www.caregiving.org">www.caregiving.org</a>)



# Bottom Line: Caregivers Can Jeopardize their Own Financial Future

- Leaving the workforce results in
  - lost pay and savings
  - Lost 401 (k) match
  - Lost employee benefits
- Difficult to get a good job after caregiving
- May use up money for their own care later
- May need to pay for their parents' care



#### **Another Financial Stress**

- 28 states have laws that obligate adult children to care for their parents
  - Laws rarely enforced but
  - States have increased financial burdens





#### Get to Know Community Resources

#### **Health and LTC Related Services**

- Home Health Agencies
- Medical/Dental/Mental Health
- Hospitals
- Geriatric Care Management
- Pharmacies
- Acupuncturists

#### **Home and Community Services**

- Real Estate Agents
- Home Remodeling
- Moving Services
- Retirement Communities

#### **Professional Services**

- Elder Law Attorneys
- Funeral Homes
- Appraisers and Auctioneers
- Financial and Bank Services

#### **Government/Non-Profit**

- Senior Centers
- Adult Protective Services
- Adult Day Care
- Meals-On-Wheels
- Alzheimer's Association



### Help for Caregivers

- Local Area Agency on Aging and the Eldercare Locator (<u>www.eldercare.gov</u>)
- Employer work-life resources
- National Association of Professional Geriatric Care Managers (<u>www.caremanager.org</u>)
- Websites (for example, <u>www.caring.com</u>)
- WISER (<u>www.wiserwomen.com</u>)

# Reverse Mortgages: The Caregivers' Solution

Enable Aging
In Place

Tap into
Community
Resources

Finance Home Improvements

Fund Home
Care Services

Relieve Family Burden



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Reverse Mortgages in a Time of Change



# The Costs of Care (and how to pay for it)

## HOME HEALTH/HOME CARE

#### **Home Health:**

Provided by doctors and nurses

**Covered by Medicare (with limits)** 

#### **Home Care:**

Provided by paid or family caregivers

Activities of daily living, not illness

Not covered by Medicare

Covered by Medicaid when assets drain



#### ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING

- Bathing (26%)
- Dressing (32%)
- Toileting (27%)
- Walking (27%)
- Transferring in and out of bed (43%)
- Eating (23%)

Source: National Alliance of Caregiving Survey

#### OTHER INSTRUMENTAL ACTIVITIES

- Transportation (78%)
- Grocery and other shopping (76%)
- Housework (72%)
- Preparing meals (61%)
- Managing finances (54%)
- Medications (46%)
- Arranging outside services (31%)

Source: NAC Survey

#### SIZE OF THE PROBLEM

- 43.5 million unpaid caregivers
- **85%** care for relatives
- 5 million paid caregivers
- ■17% of American workforce
- \$450 billion of unpaid care

#### COSTS TO UNPAID FAMILY CAREGIVERS

- Loss of salary
- Loss of Social Security credits
- Emotional price
- Physical price
- Blocks career advancement

#### COSTS OF CAREGIVING

#### Fulltime:

- ■24 hours per day=\$500
- Per week=\$3500
- Annually=\$184,000

#### COSTS OF CAREGIVING

#### Daytime:

- **\$15-25** per hour
- 40 hour week=\$800
- Annually \$41,600

#### COST OF CARE

Morning Care—Out of bed, shower, dressed

- 90 minutes=\$30/day
- Weekly=\$150-240
- Annually=\$7800-\$12,480

#### CAREGIVING SNAPSHOT

- **47%** for people 75+
- For 75+ caregiving averages 34.5 hours per week
- 25% need more than 40 hours
- 33% (15.7 million) provide care for dementia

#### DURATION OF CAREGIVING

Average-4 years
30% less than a year
15% 10 years of more

## MEDICARE/MEDICAID

#### Medicare pays for:

- Acute medically oriented care
- Medical practitioner
- Referral from Primary Care Physician

#### **Medicaid pays for:**

- Variety of long term services and support
- Medicaid Waivers—state demonstration projects that integrate Medicare and Medicaid

#### MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY

- Varies by State
- Income typically 100-133% of federal poverty level Federal poverty level \$12,060 for one person \$24,600 for family of 4
- Asset limit \$7,000-10,000
- Share of cost possible for disabled
- Many people spend down to eligibility levels
- There are issues on spending down—need legal advice

#### 13 BILLS CURRENTLY IN CONGRESS

- AGE Act -Senate: Tax credit for family caregivers
- Credit for Caring Act-House: Tax credit for caregivers
- Lifespan Respite Care Authorization Act—House
- ACT (Assisting Caregivers Today) Caucus—Senate and House
- RAISE Family Caregivers Act—Senate & House: organize council
- Social Security Caregiver Credit Act—House
- National Care Corps Act—House: Peace Corps model
- FAMILY Act—Senate & House: leave with partial income
- Care Planning Act—Senate: New Medicare benefit
- CARE for All Veterans Act—House: Increase access to VA services
- Social Securtiy Caregiver Credit Bill—Senate
- CARE Act—In 18 states. Training for family caregivers

# MEET THE SULLIVANS



## **JOHN**

Mid 70s

Retired candy salesman

Sight failing

**Hip problems** 



# MARY

Mid 80s

**Diabetes** 

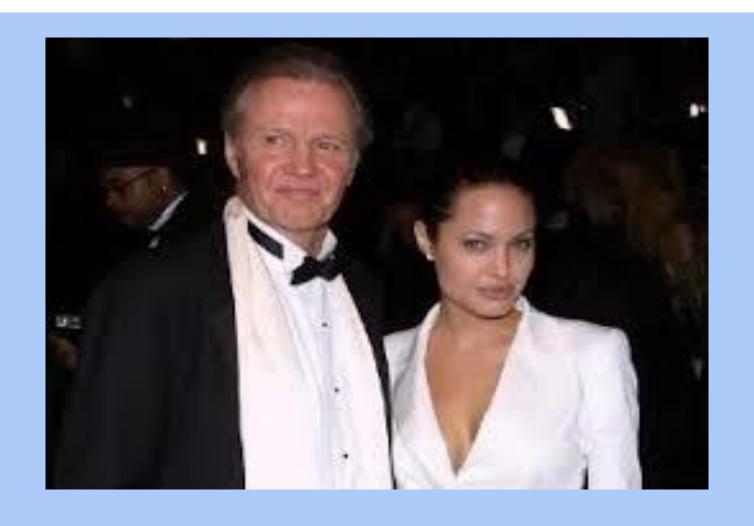
**Dementia** 



# LONG ISLAND/SPLIT LEVEL



### **CONCERN FOR YOUR KIDS**



#### **FINANCES**

Social Security

\$2500 per month/\$30,000 annually

**401**K

**\$167,000** remaining

Extracting

\$24,000 annually (planned to 85)

Income (after taxes & Medicare) \$44,000

Need caregiving (8 hours)

\$35,000 annually

Home monitoring system

Home equity

\$380,000 est. (no mortgage)

#### **PREFERENCE**



#### SULLIVANS' CAREGIVING

Average time for their age 34 per week

**34.5** hours

Middle price caregiver hour

**\$18** per

Weekly cost

\$621

Annual cost

\$33,000

#### PAYMENT OPTIONS

- Savings
- Social Security
- Medicare—No
- Medicaid—In poverty
- Long term care insurance--Flop
- Drive Uber
- Home equity