

Our Story...A Friend in Times of Need

Kellie Keith set out in 2000 and started Home Companions Senior Care now located at 2785 S. Bay Street Suite D in Eustis. Home Companions Senior Care is a home care business that went the extra mile with their clients...or maybe better to now call them friends.

Kellie was the administrator at an assisted living facility."I began seeing a trend of new residents leaving their homes and moving into the facility when they really didn't have to be there," Kellie says. "They were able to manage their daily living activities, but maybe just had difficulties managing their medicine schedule or making meals. They could have stayed in their home if they just had somebody to help them." She asked her sister Jenny to join her in 2002 and as Jenny says Kellie, "made me an offer I couldn't refuse." Kellie and Jenny had experienced first-hand the help families need in caring for a loved one. When their father passed away in 1992, they had to care for their mother. Since they couldn't be with their mother 24 hours a day, the loneliness crept in on her.

"We had our mother to console and comfort and we saw a great deal of her personality and character change immensely," Kellie says. "Usually that happens after a spouse passes away that they no longer think they have anything to live for. They don't want to eat and they certainly don't want to bathe or go to the doctor. So seeing these things kind of pushed me into the field knowing I could make a difference, I can help. That's when I got started in the healthcare field."



Kellie Keith and Jenny Vibert, of Home Companions, holding a photo of their mother, Vera.

Jenny put it best when she says this is a busy generation and families can be overwhelmed when they now have to take care of a parent. That's why in Lake County you have the family-owned and operated Home Companions Senior care, who obviously have personal service and act as surrogates to families. "If you can figure out a way to keep your parents at home, it's the best way to do it," Jenny says. "We are the best alternative to nursing home care. And it's not as expensive as you may think, because the parent may not need 24-hour care. They may just need someone to come in and help them get started in the morning, make breakfast and assist with medicines and help with a shower."

Home Companions Senior Care celebrating eleven years in service, continues its excellence to become like a family member, caring for adults and seniors in the comforts of their home.

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