

Hello, My name is Renee Peters and I was born and raised in Maplewood, NJ. After graduating from Columbia High School in 2015, I attended the University of North Carolina at Charlotte where I pursued a Bachelor degree in Social Work. Shortly after graduating, and returning home, I enrolled in Fordham University Graduate School of Social Services where I received my Masters degree in Social Work. I am passionate about social justice, advocating for those in need, providing access to resources and having the opportunity to uplift and empower those in need. It is especially an honor to have been given this amazing opportunity to be able to give back and serve the very community of Maplewood and South Orange that I grew up in, and am excited to be able to provide assistance to older adults to ensure their needs are met, their voices are heard and they are able to continue residing in our wonderful community while still having access to the resources and services they need.

About my services: This free service is available to adults 65+ who currently reside in Maplewood or South Orange (SOMA) as they adjust to life changes and plan for their futures.. The SOMA Case Manager will assist older adults in maintaining their independence, while utilizing professional and volunteer support within the community. The goal of the program is to discuss and identify the individual and current needs of the client while facilitating a connection between community, state and federal resources.

Services include:

Connection to home assistance, community and government resources, local activities and events, financial assistance, transportation, housing assistance, mental health and medical services and assistance combating food insecurity.

Weekly Zoom Social Connection group- (Please reach out to case manager to register)
Virtual (via call or Zoom) and in-person case management

Hours & Days of service include: Mondays: 9am-5pm (11am-2pm I am stationed in the second floor of the South Orange Public Library), Wednesdays 9am-5p and Fridays 9am-4pm. Please contact via phone call or email to schedule an appointment.

Since beginning this position at the end of April to July 2023 I have served a total of 29 clients, Information and referrals provided about local transportation, cleaning services, food pantries, geriatric psychiatrists & therapists, home health aides & community events. I provided Assistance completing SNAP applications & searching for affordable senior housing for SOMA older adults, attended several community events and senior housing to pass out flyers, held a grief support group and had 9 successful Social Connection Zoom Groups held.

Thank you!!