



10 Ways 10 Days

Invest In Minnesota's Future

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Invest in Services for Seniors

91-year-old Merle Krenzke is able to stay in her own Rochester home and out of a nursing home, thanks to her son Kevin and state investments in services for seniors.

Merle is legally blind and suffers from multiple health issues, including dementia. She is in a wheelchair and needs round-the-clock care for her basic needs, including dressing, bathing and meals.

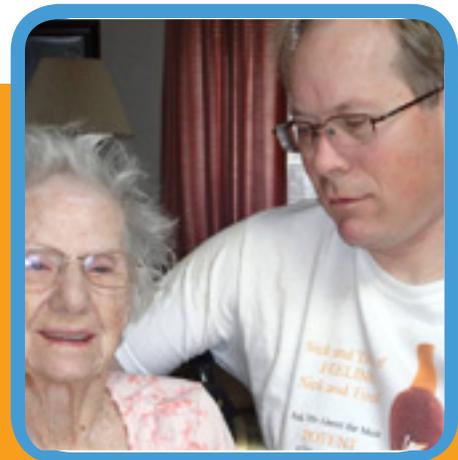
Kevin has been his mother's full-time caregiver for the last six years. He is one of thousands of Minnesotans who provide in-home care for family members under the state's Personal Care Attendant service.

"I can give my mom so much more attention and care than she'd receive in a nursing home," Kevin says. "It's important to our family to keep her in her own home."

Kevin is grateful for the state resources available to his mom. "Mom receives visits from nurses, a Lifeline alarm, and being a Personal Care Attendant allows me to stay home and take care of her," he says.

Kevin believes additional state investments in services for people like his mom are critical.

"These services help seniors stay in their homes and save the state millions of dollars compared to the cost of nursing homes," he says. "There's no better investment than keeping families together and in their homes."



All Minnesotans benefit when we invest in our communities.

With fair and adequate revenues, we can invest in our schools and colleges, maintain our roads and bridges, and provide care and dignity to our senior citizens and people with disabilities.

After a decade of deep budget cuts, it's time to raise revenues fairly in order to move our state forward and invest in prosperity for all Minnesotans.

Invest in Minnesota is a coalition of faith, labor and nonprofit organizations united to support revenue raised fairly to invest in Minnesota's future.

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