

**Share The Care™**

**ShareTheCaregiving™, Inc**

The story behind Share The Care™ began on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 1988, when twelve women, including the authors, (Cappy Capossela and Sheila Warnock), got a call to come to a meeting to try and find a way to help their friend Susan cope with her worsening cancer.

As they sat in the first meeting with Susan's friends, neighbors and co-workers (mostly strangers to each other) they never dreamed where it would lead them. Over the next three and a half years, this group stayed together and took total care of her. They cooked, shopped and did errands. They checked her in and out of hospitals, took her to doctor's appointments and kept track of her medications. They became known as "Susan's Funny Family."

Since its development in 1995, **Share The Care™** has become a model for caregiver groups all over the country. It has been used as a model by universities, medical establishments and community groups. It has been recognized by such notable publications as: **The Washington Post, Good Housekeeping** and **Modern Maturity**. The developers of the model were invited to write a piece for the website for Bill Moyer's program "*On Our Own Terms*".

The success of the **Share The Care™** model has given birth to **ShareTheCaregiving™, Inc**. Its mission is to make this collaborative approach to caregiving available to caregivers everywhere and to document the experiences of past and present groups in order to improve its systems and gain valuable learning that can benefit new groups in the future.

Please go to the website for **Share The Care™** for further information.

<http://sharethecare.org>