“Commit your actions to the lord and your plans will succeed!” Proverbs 16:3 (full chapter).

f and humble and it was a great sur- prise, we really feel this is to be shared with all of our com- munities because it took a village.

Building on 20 plus years of experience, expertise and tools of the parent, Bloomfield, Hills Michigan-based ComForCare Holdings, Inc. which has now expanded to over 200 franchises across Gaylord, Cheboygan, Petoskey, and Grand Traverse area and all counties in between, the Northern Michigan franchise serves Grayling, Gaylord, Cheboygan, Petoskey, and Grand Traverse area and all counties in between, Steve Ralston, who is also a 20-year retired U.S. Army veteran, and former TV execu- tive with EDS and HP Corp leads the local team consisting of his wife, Tammy Ralston (Co-Owner), their daughter, Carrie Butler (Operations Manager), Rebecca Gehringer, LPN (Training Supervisor), and Jennifer Akans, (Master Scheduler and Executive Assistant). Each brings a heart to serve with faith as the founda- tion of their passion for their work. The ability to fulfill that passion through the variety of services ComForCare provides is central to the mission of their organi- zation.

ComForCare offers superior in-home services for seniors and U.S. veterans throughout Northern Michigan. As the senior cit- izen popula- tion in America con- tinues to grow it is an unprecedented- ly rate, serv- ices designed to help sen- iors remains comfort- ably, independent- ly and safely at home as they age see more vital than ever before.

“...with faith, and honor the industry with our high touch front loaded process,” states Steve Ralston. “We see a huge need for this service in the northern Michigan area. I spent a great deal of time researching the companies offering non-medical respite care for seniors and was very impressed with honor the industry with our high touch front loaded. We received the Sprinter award, topping with the Sioux Falls, SD, committee and our refer- ences because it took a village.

The staff at ComForCare includes: Left to right, Tammy Ralston (Co-Owner), Jennifer Akans (Administrative Assistant, Coordinator), Carrie Butler (Operations Manager), Rebecca Gehringer, LPN (Training Supervisor) and Steve Ralston (CEO and Franchise Owner).

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Statistics reveal that in 1996, 33 mil- lion people turned 65 - they are now 65. In 2006, over 37 million turned 65 - they are now 75, and in 2011, over 41 million people turned 65 - they are now in their 70’s. Furthermore, since 1996 nearly 12 million people are plus 65 and growing at even a faster rate. Today 10,000 people are turning 65 old every day in this country and will for the next 15 years. At this rate an addi- tional 54.7 million people will start to consider home care, over half of our cur- rent population. More people are living to be 100 years old than any time in our history

ComForCare’s vast array of customized client services include:

- Health; Medication reminders, Exercised doctor visits, safety supervi- sion, Hydration, Assistance in and out of bed.
- Companionship; Assist w/ Everyday living skills, the friend they need, Assist in arts and crafts.
- Meal prep and planning.
- Personal, Family respite, Plan daily schedules, Transportation, Shopping, Assit w/ dressing.
- Staff; Certified Nurse Assistants (CNAs), Home Health Aids (HHAs), Personal Care Aids (PCAs) and Companions, 24 hr. live-in, and 24 hr. hospice assist

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ComForCare is a rapidly growing national franchising company providing non-medical care for individuals of all ages who need assistance with daily living needs. It is headquartered in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. The Gaylord office services a wide geo-gra phic range throughout northwest Michigan, with plans to expand to Traverse City this winter.

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