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### **Local nonprofit hosts resource and referral breakfasts to introduce caregiver program to the metro**

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Shepherd's Center Central introduced its newest program, KC Caregiver Supportline by hosting three resource and referral breakfasts across the metro last week.

Fifty-three individuals, representing home health organizations, nonprofits, hospices, congregations, retirement living and law firms were introduced to the KC Caregiver Supportline. These individuals will be the program liaisons to the community.

"I enjoyed the event and found the opportunity to network very valuable," said Stacy Higgins, Volunteer Coordinator of Heartland Home Health and Hospice.

The response was overwhelming and area organizations are contacting the Center for future speaking dates to be scheduled at their organization.

The KC Caregiver Supportline is a professional service, staffed by an aging specialist with extensive experience working with caregivers and knowledge of area aging programs and services. This unique KC Caregiver Supportline will connect caregiver's of older adults (60+) with specific programs and services that will meet their individual needs. The program will also include volunteer peer counseling where appropriate.

If you are a caregiver, or know a caregiver in need of support contact Aging Specialist, Megan Ross at 816-444-1122.