

# Taking Care of People Gives Me Joy

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I work in a nursing home as a Certified Nursing Assistant. I assist the nurses and the doctors. In this nursing home, the people are mostly the elderly who are sick and are unable to help themselves. I see these elderly as my parents. So, when I am there with them, it gives me joy to take care of them and answer their calls.

## Able to Ask for Help

My nursing home recently hired more workers because there are so many patients and they have so

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many needs. Now I have many co-workers to interact with. This makes the work easy and more fun. I am able to ask them for help, especially in transferring patients

from the wheel chair to the bed and from the bed to the wheel chair.

## Gaining Life Skills

Working at the nursing home has taught me a lot of skills that help me in my everyday life. For example, I know how to help my mom who had

a partial stroke. I walk her to the toilet, and I know how to sit her on the chair so that she won't fall. Also, at my church I help a woman who walks with a cane because she is disabled. Every time she comes to church, she looks for me to help her walk into the church and then to the toilet before I take her to sit in her favorite seat.



## Bringing Me Joy

The nursing home is a good job because it allows me to take care of the elderly and the sick who are unable to do things for themselves. I like helping people. It is my passion. I don't have any regrets about this work because it gives me such joy.

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## Write about It

**Pick a topic below and write a paragraph.** Remember to include a topic sentence, at least two supporting details, and a concluding sentence.

- Explain why Chibuzo likes her job. Use quotes from the article.
- Explain why you like or don't like taking care of people. Be specific.
- Describe a kind of work that gives you joy and explain why. Be specific.

**Share your paragraph with others.** Get feedback from several sources. Re-write your paragraph, incorporating feedback that is helpful.