

YouQuest Young Onset Dementia Care Partner Satisfaction Survey

Format: Online survey

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Total responses: 11/16

Questions:

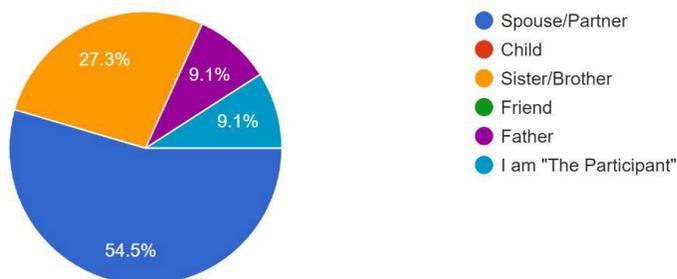
1. What is your relationship to the participant?
2. How long have you been involved with YouQuest?
3. What is the participant's current living situation?
4. Does this participant have extra support (e.g. Home Care?)
5. Please rate YouQuest in the following areas:
 - a. Overall Experience
 - b. Activities Offered
 - c. How your family member/friend spends time during a service day
 - d. Support provided to you as a care partner
 - e. Dates and times available for service days
 - f. Value of service fees for service provided
6. What is the BEST thing that YouQuest offers?
7. What is the biggest improvement area required for YouQuest?
8. What are 2-3 benefits you have experienced since being a part of YouQuest?
9. How has YouQuest impacted you/your family's quality of life?
10. How has YouQuest impacted you/your family's quality of relationships?

Responses

1.

What is your relationship to the participant?

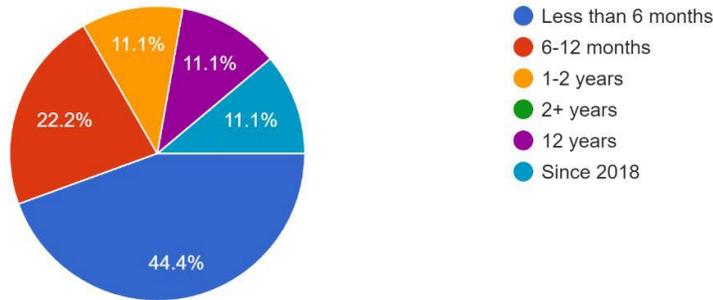
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2.

How long have you been involved with YouQuest?

9 responses



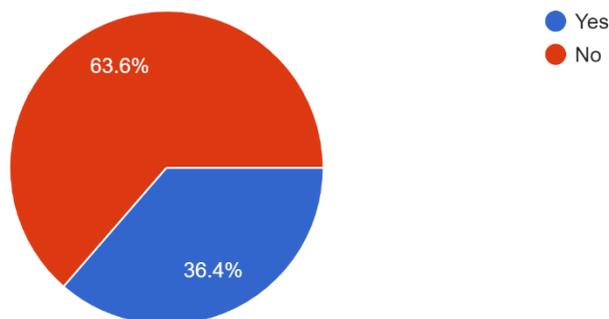
3. What is the participant's current living situation?

- Hector lives at home with me and our daughter
- Lives at home with spouse
- Currently independent but moving in a few months
- Lives with me, my husband and his wife
- Lives with me
- He lives with me at home
- Home
- Lives at home
- In My Own Home

4.

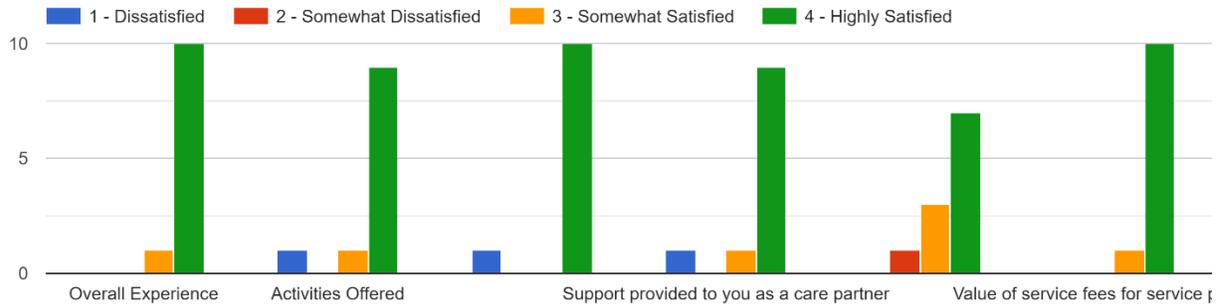
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11 responses



5.

Please rate how satisfied you are with the following areas related to YouQuest Service Days:



6. What is the BEST thing that YouQuest offers?

- Interactions with other people in general, and interactions with patients in particular
- A day for my husband filled with fun and great activities provided by such wonderful and caring support workers/volunteers
- He always comes home every YouQuest day with a smile on his face.
- Community for him and some independence
- YouQuest used to offer activities at a facility. Now it's just walking which I cannot participate in.
- Socialization and age related interests.
- Socialization and stimulation
- A safe place where my husband can still feel engaged and part of things
- Group activities and the sense of belonging for our love ones
- It offers a safe place and a variety of people for my partner to interact with. It gives him a purpose for that period of time that is away from me.
- Socialization, mental stimulation and a sense of community.
- Socialization, mental stimulation and sense of community

Themes:

- Socialization
- Safety
- Mental stimulation
- Community/belonging

7. What is the biggest improvement area required for YouQuest?

- We don't feel strongly about it, but sometimes it would be nice to have more options available for service days (i.e. more than just Tuesday or Thursday). Though we do appreciate that this may be difficult to organize!

- Gosh I don't think there are any! Perhaps the only thing I can think of is if my husband could go twice a week instead of one day. Even if it was 1 full day and 1 half day. This disease can be so isolating and it's so important for them to be active and socializing. It would be so nice to have more government funding.
- Nothing!
- More activities at a central location, so participants who cannot walk long distances, can participate. I have arthritis. Walking long distances is no longer possible for me.
- Wish you had more funding. The programs are terrific
- Allow spouses to volunteer
- I can't think of one...
- Offer services of transportation
- I really can't say. I think this organization does a great job.
- YouQuest provides an invaluable service and should expand to other communities.
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Themes:

- Offer services on more days
- Transportation
- Expand

8. What are 2-3 benefits you have experienced since being a part of YouQuest?

- Meeting new people, diversification of daily activities, getting to know new parts of the city.
- It's a day that I can get a little break to get some errands done on that day or visit with a friend. It's time where I can work on my own mental health and not worry about my husband for a few hours as I know he's in very good hands having a great day. When he comes home from an outing with YouQuest, he is so happy and has so many things to tell me which brightens my day too. Each time I pick him up, he can't say enough about what a great group of people he spent the day with. Makes my heart smile!
- His happiness has increased and he feels he is helping others again
- The administrator's interest in my weekly submissions of music to the YouQuest group. It was at one time part of a weekly newsletter. However, I'm not sure what happened with that.
- That's a difficult to answer. Far to many to list! During such difficult times and being a country away You Quest has been a lifeline, supportive, understanding and patient.
- Feels like a family, socialization and stimulation for partner with dementia.
- Peace knowing that my husband is happy and looked after with respect and dignity
- He is excited to participate in the activities and he is not alone all the time at home
- Giving my partner a sense of purpose. Giving me a great feeling that my partner has something of his own, that doesn't involve me, given that he now relies on me quite heavily for most activities. Giving me a bit of time on my own.
- It has given me respite, with the knowledge that he is in safe hands. It has reduced my concern about his isolation.
- Relief (giving my sister who is the primary caregiver some time). Peace of mind knowing that it has increased his engagement and spirits

Themes:

- Respite/Peace of Mind
- Meeting new people
- Loved one is happier, more engaged
- Knowing loved one is not isolated at home

9. How has YouQuest impacted you/your family's quality of life?

- The above described benefits have contributed to an increase of the vibrancy of our lives.
- YouQuest has made our lives definitely better. My husband has a day to look forward to and spending it with other people dealing with the same disease. No one judging him and everyone is so kind. It gives him a sense of independence which is so important when other things seem to be slipping away from him and me.
- He is happy again and we get some time to ourselves
- I enjoy submitting music weekly. It helps in keeping my brain sharp. I look forward to that on a weekly basis. I'd like to participate physically, when the opportunity arises to go to a permanent weekly location.
- For the best in every way!
- We do not feel alone with this disease.
- It hasn't really impacted my quality but it sure has impacted my husbands. He so looks forward to every week.
- it gives us peace of mind knowing he is happy and involved with the group once a week
- YouQuest has made a difference for Bob and me by "lightening the load" for both of us. Having some time apart and having Bob doing things without me just gives us both a breather. I know that he's excited and engaged with the activities and people he's with on his service days. I know that he's safe. I can say that these are times that I'm not worried about Bob.
- Gordon participates in daily household activities, when prior to joining the group he was showing a lack of interest. There is laughter in the household once again.
- Innumerable. The positive effects have been far reaching from day one

Themes:

- Improved family relationships
- Improved feel around the home
- Not feeling alone with the disease
- Feel it has greatly benefited the participant's quality of life (most visibly)

10. How has YouQuest impacted you/your family's quality of relationships?

- Can't say that there was any such impact. Our family relationships are healthy and we hope that You Quest will help to keep this way.
- Our family has been deeply impacted by Mike's diagnosis and I feel having the support of YouQuest in our lives is helping us to get through some of the challenging moments dealing with this disease. Such a wonderful group of people to see every Thursday.
- He is much easier to be around because he is happy and feels like he is still capable of doing thing by helping other at YouQuest
- Positively

- Great. Always gives us more to talk about.
- Same as before. We always had a good quality in our relationship.
- I love how YouQuest encompasses the whole family. Everyone is so kind and thoughtful to the care partner as well as the participant
- He is in a better mood if he attend to the YouQuest activities.
- See above.
- I have my brother back. We are having meals together at the dinner table. We are hanging out together, going for walks, dancing, laughing and enjoying our time together,
- It has brought our brother back to life. At home he is more active, helps with home chores and activities. His sense of humour is back and he is showing interest in life. He is engaging in meaningful conversations. He now has phone conversations with family members that live at a distance.
- Themes:
- Our family relationships were healthy before
- Helped with getting through challenging moments of the diagnosis
- Easier to be around each other – participant is happier, more engaged