



## Care Connection Guidelines

ESA's Care Connection was developed at the international level of the organization's caring services to others. Although this is not a new program, the Care Connection has been redesigned and will be under the responsibility of the International Council's Senior Past President.

These guidelines are designed to be brief. You, as the Care Connector/Facilitator for your state, will not be overwhelmed with a lot of paperwork nor will your job require a lot of detailed reports. Your responsibilities will be as follows:

- Disseminate information about any disaster that may have occurred in your state to ESA headquarters and to the IC Senior Past President immediately upon knowing of such occurrence.
- Provide a list of immediate needs. Where to send them and donations.
- Provide headquarters with updates about any disaster information so it can be posted on the Website Message Board.
- Make yourself familiar with other programs available under the Care Connection such as Hats for Hope, Hope for Heroes and the Warm Welcome, and educate your membership on how they can utilize them to their best advantage.
- Other programs are the Personal Support usually handled by the Chaplain, Disaster Relief that members can apply for through the Disaster Fund. Also, the Relocation Services that offers assistance to members relocating to areas other than the area of their original membership and the ESA Exchange of personal Needs/Opportunities through the use of the members-only message board on the ESA web-site.
- In addition to the above programs we want to pay close attention to the "Recommend a Friend" program. This is such an important part of our role in membership and putting our ESA sisters in contact with chapters and getting them located once again with active chapters. Members should be able to find a chapter and have a sense of belonging no matter where they are located.

The best thing about Epsilon Sigma Alpha is the people who share the organization. ESA's Care Connection is a community-based and nationally accessible network for the exchange of person-to-person philanthropic services. Participants share personal talents to provide support in times of community and personal need. It helps members meet their needs to help others, as well as to receive assistance during their own times of need.

*ESA's Care Connection ... linking good people together.*