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Janet lives in Canandaigua. She has MS. She struggles to maintain her independence since her husband died. She's moved in with a roommate, but the apartment is non-accessible. Her driver's license was suspended as a result of her worsening MS symptoms. As her MS continued to progress, Janet grew more worried about her lack of support and her ability to live independently.

Janet had a poor support system and knew no one living with MS in her community. She contacted the National MS Society, Upstate New York Chapter. An MS Navigator at the Chapter was able to connect Janet with the DriveOn Program through Rochester Rehabilitation Center. This program provided Janet with a driver evaluation and helped her get her license back, which in turn enabled her to become a more active member of the community. The MS Navigator connected Janet to the Chapter's monthly MS luncheon in Canandaigua, which allowed Janet to meet and develop close relationships with several other individuals living with MS in Ontario County.

Janet participated in the MS Independence Program, a program funded by the United Way of Ontario County. The National MS Society Upstate New York Chapter was able to purchase a computer for Janet that has enabled her to create and maintain social relationships as well as keeping her connected in the community. With the help of both the MS Navigator Program and the MS Independence Program, the Chapter is working to help Janet find an accessible, affordable apartment and assist her with getting the adaptive equipment that she needs.

Janet now lives more independently in Canandaigua because of the funding The National Multiple Sclerosis Society receives from the United Way of Ontario County.

**When we all work together, we can make change happen.  
Together, when we LIVE UNITED, we can make a real difference.**



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