

Ngirumpaste assists older adults

Pascale Ngirumpaste knew early on what she wanted to do with her life. As a child she spent a lot of time with her grandparents and realized the value of doing so.

"I've always loved older people," said Ngirumpaste. "I had a great relationship with my grandparents, and I remember when I was probably 5 or 6 years old telling my mother one day when I grow up, I'm going to work with older people."

For the last three years, Ngirumpaste has been helping improve the lives of residents in the Merrimack Valley and North Shore as a home care manager with **AgeSpan**.

A native of Rwanda, Ngirumpaste has a certificate in gerontology and is a certified dementia practitioner. She also has a bachelor's degree in law, which can come in handy when needing to know – and stand up for – the rights of her clients.

Ngirumpaste, of Dracut, worked at an assisted living facility prior to joining AgeSpan, though she wished she could help people stay in their homes longer. Then she saw an ad for a job at AgeSpan.

"I saw the job, and when I was going through (the job description) I was like, 'This is exactly what I've been looking for,' so I applied," Ngirumpaste said. "Next thing you know I got a phone call for an interview. I got the job and I just love it."

As part of a collaborative team, Ngirumpaste assists older adults in obtaining services they need to allow them to age in place with the best outcomes. A typical day consists of managing home

visits, calls with consumers, providers, informal and other formal supports.

"Pascale is an exceptional care manager," said Alicia Ritter, director of Home Care at AgeSpan. "She's dedicated to the consumers. She's completely focused on you. She takes the time to listen to people."



Pascale Ngirumpaste, a Rwandan native, has worked for AgeSpan for three years, helping older adults age in place.

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