

Brookside Rest Home
134 Franklin Street Ext.
Danbury CT 06814

My name is Kathleen Brelling and I am an employee at Brookside Home in Danbury, CT. I have taken care of the residents for 15 years. I drive them to doctor appts, take them shopping, assist with showers and plan activities. I love my job, but the fact that I have not received an increase in over 4 years makes it difficult for me to make ends meet with a family of 4. As I understand it, the residents get regular increases in their allowances every year. This enables them to get their hair and nails done and go out to eat at their favorite restaurant. As a tax payer paying for their allowance, I find it extremely unfair that I and all of the employees at RCH's cannot get an increase when we work as hard as we do. I really would hate to leave a job I love because I can no longer afford to live on the money I receive.

So, I am asking for your consideration for the residential care homes to receive the increases they deserve.

Sincerely, Kathleen Brelling

My name is April Garcia I have worked at Brookside Home for the past 9 years and have not had an increase in pay in 4 years. Without an increase being the sole provider for my family at times when my husband a construction worker is out of work makes this very difficult to make ends meet. My daily duties include preparing 3 meals a day, medication supervision, activities, assisting with showers and other basic needs of the residents. You cannot expect a person to get by on what we receive with the rest of the world going up in price. It's not fair. Also, the residents get increases all the time. Thank you for your time.

April Garcia

I am the owner of Brookside and still work part time. I do some driving and all the bookkeeping and accounting. At least 20 hr. a week

In order to make sure my staff gets paid I drop my pay many times. I got paid 27 out of 52 weeks.

Lucky for me I have SS and not many needs.

I love my staff they do a good job and without them we could not run the Home.

It is also hard on staff to see the residents getting a \$12 increase each January and they get nothing.

Our Rate is daily \$ 73.72 or monthly \$2242.32

Sonja Zandri

Any questions 203-740-0488

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