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The Member States of the United Nations have adopted the 17 SDGs in 2015 because they are aware that a peaceful world unless measures are taken to achieve a sustainable sociomedical development of all the people in the world and a universal human rights protection.

The taskforce members work to create a peaceful world through the promotion of health and wellbeing, for Humans, Animals and the Planet.





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BOUND TOGETHER BY THEIR **DOUBLE X** WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES WOMEN CAREGIVERS

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INEQUALITIES



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EQUALITY



**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL
FAMILY CAREGIVERS' RIGHTS DAY**



CSW63

Commission on
the Status of Women

Social Protection • Public Services • Infrastructure



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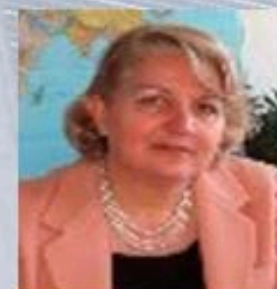
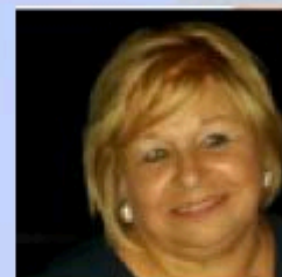


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Bound together by their double X

Women with disabilities and women caregiver

Establishment of Family Caregivers' Rights Day

Principles: SDG 3, SDG 10, SDG 5 and the Legal Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (drafted by the U.N General Assembly on 13 December 2006, signed on 30 March 2007/ ratified by the EU on 23 December 2010)

Rationale:

ageing population → more people with disabilities: the ratio of older women compared to men is of 2:1 → gender differences in lifespan leaves women more vulnerable

Data:

Women with disabilities (7% of world's population) → double discrimination risks

Average caregiver= woman between 45 and 65 years of age

Regardless of the gender of the person with disability, it is estimated that 66% of caregivers are women, adding to the invisible part of society.



Conference of
States Parties to the
Convention on the
**Rights of
Persons with
Disabilities**

United Nations Headquarters, New York
www.un.org/disabilities
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Main Issues

- Benefits are not enough to ensure a reasonable quality of life - the plight of a woman who gives up paid employment to care for a family member with a disability (adult, child, husband, partner, parent) → she does not qualify for remuneration/ difficult to maintain a stable occupation → cannot save for retirement/ mortgage/ rent.
- Women with disabilities suffer from inherited diseases, chronic diseases (such as cardiovascular diseases, obesity, diabetes, cancer, neurodegenerative diseases, osteoporosis, etc.) and post-traumatic events with para- and tetraplegia – also they dedicate themselves to the cared person and are often 'annulled' by their loved one's illness → causes in turn a series of psychological and physical problems in the caregiver, such as: depression, detachment from friends and the community, disinterest in their own physical condition, resulting in the onset of chronic diseases.

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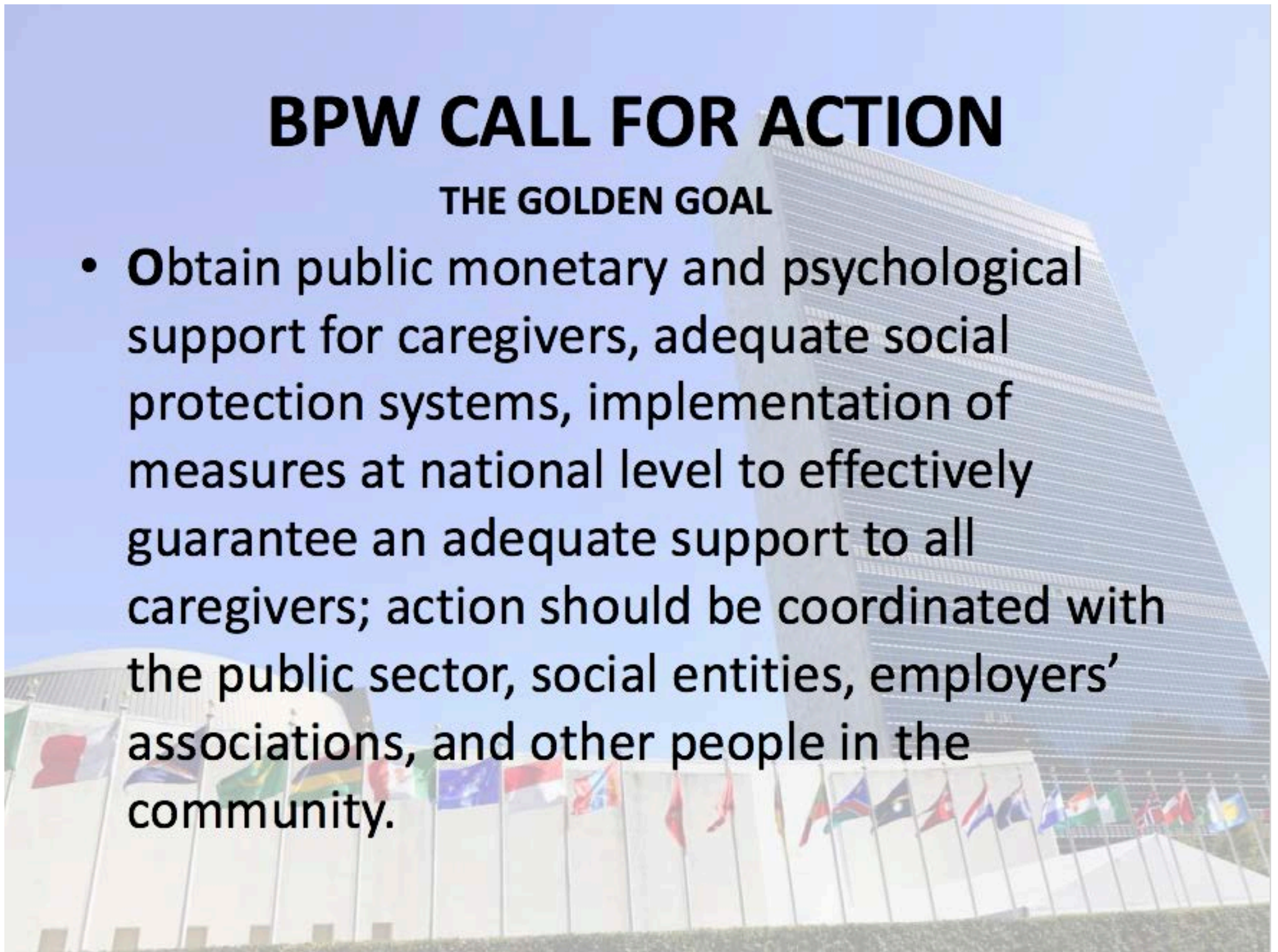
- EU budget 449.4 million euros → only supervisory role → **yet, public services and institutions worldwide are currently inadequate to cover the needs and requirements of people with disabilities, therefore most of the family members became caregivers of their loved relatives.**



BPW CALL FOR ACTION

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- **Obtain** public monetary and psychological support for caregivers, adequate social protection systems, implementation of measures at national level to effectively guarantee an adequate support to all caregivers; action should be coordinated with the public sector, social entities, employers' associations, and other people in the community.



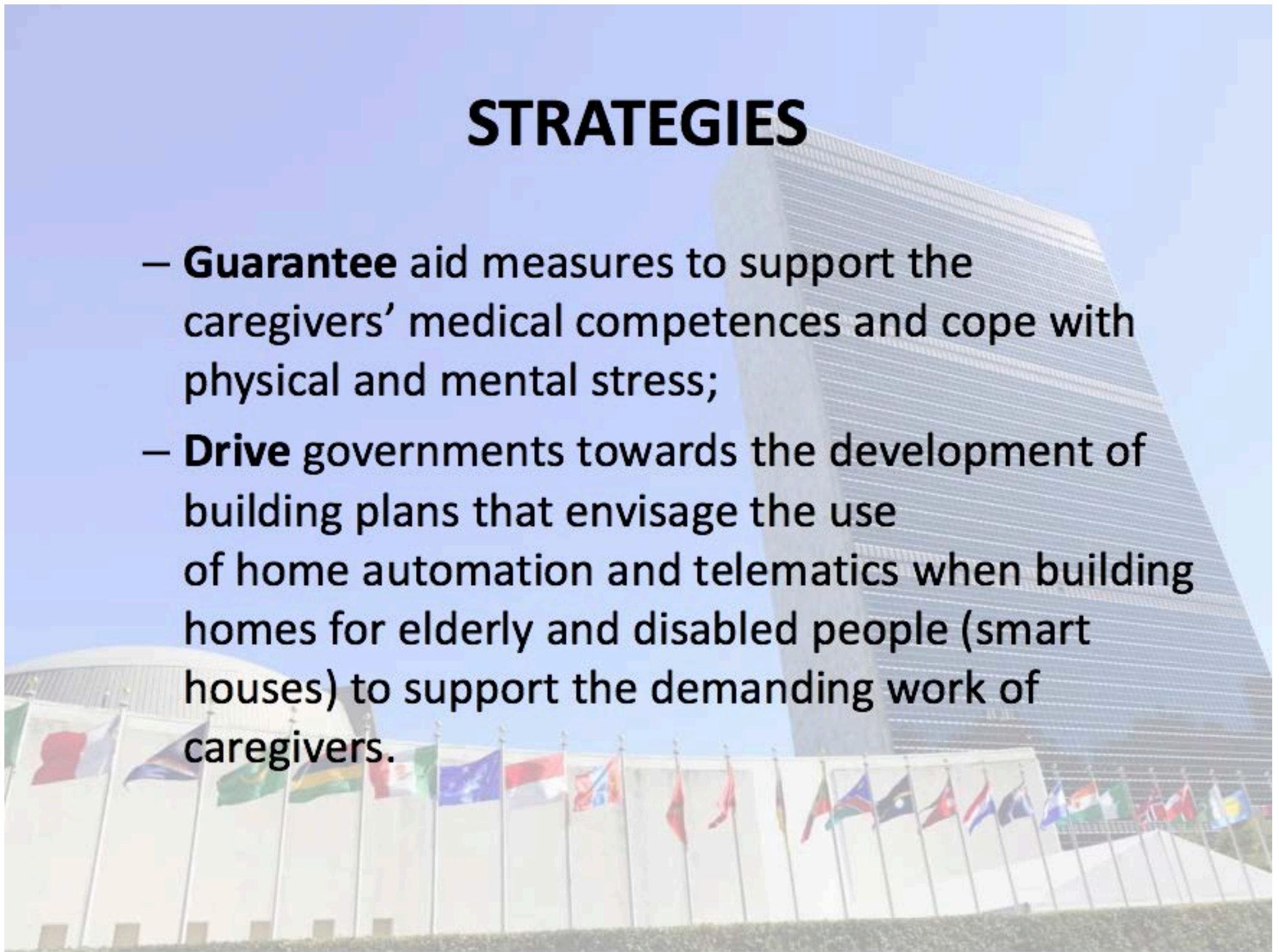
STRATEGIES

- **LAUNCH THE INTERNATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVERS' DAY TO BEST PROMOTE THEIR RIGHTS THROUGH THEIR RECOGNITION (DATE TO BE DEFINED)**
- **Act** to support caregivers through social protection, healthcare, and welfare at regional and national level;
- **Promote** financial support to caregivers through an allowance for healthcare and financial help for home adaptations;
- **Reach** an agreement with insurance companies for better insurance deals for caregivers;
- **Promote** agreements with employers' associations to achieve better work flexibility to improve the quality of life of elderly disabled people and their caregivers and relatives
- **Recognize** and value the role of caregivers and foster communication with social and care-workers through courses and programmes at city level



STRATEGIES

- **Guarantee** aid measures to support the caregivers' medical competences and cope with physical and mental stress;
- **Drive** governments towards the development of building plans that envisage the use of home automation and telematics when building homes for elderly and disabled people (smart houses) to support the demanding work of caregivers.





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