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Business to help seniors, others

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***Judy Castleberry (left) and Pam Hyder
pictured in the office of their new business,
Partners Assisted Living Services, located
in the Enterprise Center at San Juan***

FARMINGTON - Judy Castleberry and Pam Hyder have been friends since the seventh grade. Now, adults with a bevy of personal and professional experience behind them, they have opened their own business with the hopes of helping others.

Partners Assisted Living Services Inc., is a company that provides in-home supportive services for seniors and people with special needs.

"We do whatever we can do to keep them independent," Castleberry said. "We do all of those things that people need to get going."

Castleberry's employment background is in long-term care. She wanted to go into business for herself to get away from "institutional care."

She talked with Hyder about becoming partners, and Hyder was also ready for an employment change. She had worked as a legal assistant for 25 years.

"We both bring different skills to the table," said Castleberry adding that Hyder runs the office while she goes out in the field to do care assessments.

The change in both of their careers has been a good thing, Hyder said.

"It's been extremely satisfying, being able to brighten someone's day just by a visit or by calling them on the phone," she said.

They also have eight employees, who work as care givers. Each care giver has been screened and undergone a background check, because the goal of Partner's Assisted Living Services is to provide safe and quality care for people's loved ones.

"Nobody should have to hire someone off of the street to take care of a loved one," Castleberry said.

***Partners Assisted Living Services is
located in the Enterprise Center at
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