

# Home Helpers biz keeps seniors at home

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A local couple has fulfilled their dream of owning and operating a business.

Selina and Jeff Warembourg of Windsor started their business, Home Helpers and Direct Link, in January of this year.

"I've always had a nurturing spirit and liked helping people," said Selina Warembourg, president of Home Helpers and Direct Link of Windsor.

As a Colorado native, Jeff has worked in the information technology field for the past 15 years, while Warembourg moved to Windsor in June to marry Jeff after spending 10 years in Houston working as a contract administrator in the gas and oil industry.

With an entrepreneurial spirit in hand, Warembourg decided after moving to Colorado that it was the best time and opportunity for her to fulfill her dream of starting a business.

Before losing her grandmother about a year ago, Warembourg and her family were forced to place her grandmother in a nursing home due to the lack of end-of-life care options in her grandmother's hometown.

Warembourg also had an experience of having outpatient surgery during her time in Houston and had a hard time finding someone to take her to the hospital and get prescriptions.

Warembourg's experiences prompted her to open Home Helpers and Direct Link so she can be a resource to families seeking in-home care for their aging loved ones.

"My grandmother passed away soon after being placed in a nursing home and I didn't want to see that happen to other people," Warembourg said.

In addition to caring for senior citizens, Home Helpers and Direct Link provides other services, including caring for people recovering from surgery, helping with transportation, helping new moms, working moms, sick children, child care, assisting with grocery shopping and other errands.

They can also install a personal monitoring system or medication management machine in one's home.

Warembourg also mentioned that statistically, senior citizens live a lot longer when they stay in their homes.

The couple wanted to provide local services not only to residents in need, but to help educate families on care giving.

Warembourg said they hope to bring professional care giving to families who need it and to make their lives easier by getting care in homes without going into a long-term home facility.

The couple hopes to eventually expand their business to more locations and provide more jobs for people, according to Warembourg.

"I've always been tied to the corporate world and always wanted to open own business and to give back to community," Warembourg said.