Abstract: Caregiving for a family member is prevalent among generations still in the workforce. Little is known, however, about how caregivers manage the details of care provision, their resources, and their daily lives to provide the care they do. This talk will present results from a recent study mapping caregiver tasks and experiences. Based on a 12-week survey of 30 unpaid family caregivers, this study reports on various aspects of the caregiver experience (e.g., daily tasks, well-being, time management, technology use, communication, and the effects of caregiving on work and family life). The study provides insights into opportunities for new and improved services and technological solutions, including robotic solutions for aiding older adults and their caregivers.

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