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Dementia Action Alliance
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Re-Imagine
Life with Dementia
Engage ◦ Empower ◦ Enable
BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

REIMAGINE LIFE WITH DEMENTIA DAY

WHEREAS: Dementia describes a group of conditions characterized by the impairment of at least two brain functions, such as memory loss and judgment. Dementia is caused by physical changes in the brain and affects an estimated 5.5 million people in the United States; and

WHEREAS: Dementia has physical, psychological, social and economic effects on caregivers, families and communities, as many citizens devote their time and efforts to the caretaking of loved ones with dementia; and

WHEREAS: Person-centered support for those living with dementia is based on the fundamental belief that every person has a unique background, special skills, and the right to determine how to live his or her life. Such support focuses on nurturing the person’s emotional, social, physical, and spiritual well-being; and

WHEREAS: There are opportunities to engage directly with individuals living with dementia so that others may learn from them and amplify first-person perspectives about dementia, as well as opportunities to educate the public about dementia to raise awareness, increase understanding, and address misperceptions and stigmas associated with dementia; and

WHEREAS: Organizations such as the Dementia Action Alliance (DAA) are working to create a better society now for individuals living with dementia, as well as a better environment for those who may live with the disease in the future. DAA envisions a society where dementia symptoms are better understood and accommodated, and in furtherance of that objective, the organization is bringing together North American stakeholders at the 2017 Dementia Care Conference with the theme: "Reimagine Life With Dementia: Engage – Empower – Enable," now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 26, 2017, as REIMAGINE LIFE WITH DEMENTIA DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 11th day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.

Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chief of Staff
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We gratefully thank the generosity of our Sponsors for the Conference Scholarships!

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Welcome DAA Partners and Friends!

Welcome to Atlanta, home of the first U.S.–Canada “Re-Imagine Life with Dementia” Conference, Technology Showcase and Creative Arts Exhibition. For the next three days, we invite you to come together with open hearts and open minds to:

- **BE INSPIRED** … by individuals living with dementia, care partners, service and support providers, community organizers, and technology innovators among many others.

- **BE ENGAGED** … in thought-provoking sessions, interactive learning experiences, special interest groups, and informal interactions with wonderful exhibitors

- **BE EMPOWERED TO EXPRESS YOURSELVES** … artistically at the Creative Commons, through discussions at the two Town Hall Meetings and informal conversations

We hope you have an amazing conference experience, make many new friends, and return to your communities as **DAA CHAMPIONS** inspiring change to help create -

*A society where dementia symptoms are better understood and accommodated as a disability, where individuals and families with dementia are fully supported and included in all matters that impact them including clinical practices, research, and public policy.*

Thank you for being an important part of the conference!

*Jackie Pinkowitz*

Chair, Board of Directors

“I dream of the time when there is no stigma about having dementia. I dream of better understanding and education about dementia. I dream of being helped to develop compensatory strategies for living well with dementia.”

~ Robert Bowles, a retired pharmacist living with Lewy Body dementia
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...is a way forward for families. In-depth dialogue elicits solutions and is critical to helping a person sort through the impacts and ever-changing effects of dementia.

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General Conference Information

Accommodations
To help make the conference an enjoyable and easy experience for individuals living with dementia, some accommodations have been made. The yellow tape lines on the lobby and 4th floor levels are directional aids as are the yellow rounds found inside on the elevator buttons for the lobby level, 4th floor and 21st floor. Because of the noise, the escalator to/from the 3rd and 4th floors will be turned off during the conference.

The presenters have been asked to slow their speech to make processing what is being said easier. There are many interactive components of the conference, so if you do speak, remember to speak a little more slowly.

Admission to Sessions
Your name badge is your admission ticket to all conference sessions, meals, and events. Please wear your badge at all times.

Continuing Education Credits
???? hours of CEUs for long term care administrators, nurses and social workers will be provided for conference participants at no additional cost. If you did not sign-up for CEUs when you registered, please do so at the Conference Registration Desk.

Handout Materials
Many of the presenters and speakers have made their handout materials available for conference participants. You can access these materials online by going to goo.gl/JuNhzP.

Meals
Lunch is provided daily for conference participants. Enjoy the lovely Buckhead neighborhood of Atlanta where The Westin Hotel is located for breakfast and dinner. The hotel is surrounded by many eateries and restaurants at all price points.

Photo & Video Release
The General Sessions and a few concurrent sessions will be videotaped. In addition, a photographer will be capturing photos throughout the conference. Your participation in the conference provides the Dementia Action Alliance with your permission to use your likeness in our printed materials and on our website.

Conference Features & Special Events

Book Author Meet & Greet
Here’s a chance to meet your favorite book authors! Fifteen dementia book authors will participate in the Meet & Greet event Monday afternoon from 5:00 – 6:30pm. Authors include Kathy Fogg Berry, Laura Bowley, Meryl Comer, Rich Fenker, Paulan Gordon, Vicki Kaufman, Nancy Kriseman, Jytte Lokvig, Maryann Makekau, Candace McKennon, Daniel Potts, Al Power, Teepa Snow’s team, David Troxel, and Mary Sue Wilkinson.

Conference Hashtag
#DAACon17

Creative Dementia Arts Exhibition
The Arts Exhibition, established in 2009, is the inspiration of David Reid from the University of Sheffield, England. The Exhibition features works by individuals with dementia and care partners to enhance public understanding that people don’t stop living life with dementia. There are artworks by individuals from the U.K. and U.S. Meet some of the U.S. artists – Susan Balkman, Cecil Ristow, Paulan Gordon, and John Wood.

Creative Commons
Let your own creative spirits soar! Visit the Creative Commons with all types of art materials supplied. It is open throughout the conference and can be found on the lobby level of the hotel past the elevators.

Expanded Exhibit Times
The expanded exhibit times during the conference provides participants with many opportunities to spend quality time with individual exhibitors.
Georgia Governor’s Proclamation of June 26th as ‘Re-Imagine Life with Dementia Day’
Nathan Deal, the Governor of Georgia, has proclaimed Monday, June 26th as ‘Re-Imagine Life with Dementia Day’ in Georgia. A momentous way to kick off the conference program!

Raffle
Just for fun, there will be a raffle of items and gift certificates Tuesday at 3:45pm. All conference participants are automatically included but you must be present to win!

Re-Imagine Life with Dementia Technology Award
Technology is an important means to enrich and support lives of people with dementia and care partners. In recognition of this importance, the Dementia Action Alliance launches an annual ‘Re-Imagine Life with Technology’ award. Jack York, President & Co-Founder of It’s Never 2 Late, is recognized and honored with the first award as a pioneer in using technology to enrich the lives of people with dementia.

Richard Taylor Quiet Room
The noise and crowds of people can become overstimulating for individuals with dementia symptoms. A quiet room is reserved at the end of the 4th floor hall for them. The quiet room has been named in honor of Richard Taylor, one of the first Americans with dementia to advocate publicly for better understanding of dementia.

Town Hall Sessions
A hallmark of the conference is the chance to interact with and have open discussions with people from the broad and diverse dementia community including individuals living with early to moderate symptoms of dementia. The Town Halls are scheduled at the end of each day so that conference participants have an opportunity to collectively discuss and comment on items that came up during that day’s general and concurrent sessions.

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DAA Mission, Goals, Values and Rights

We envision a society where dementia symptoms are better understood and accommodated as a disability, where individuals and families with dementia are fully supported and included in all matters that impact them including clinical practices, research, and public policy.

Towards that end:

• We work with the diverse dementia community to advocate for policies, practices and research that optimize the well-being of individuals living with dementia.

• We create, curate, and provide person-centered, relationship-based dementia support resources online.

• We provide a platform for individuals with dementia to amplify their voices about their needs and wants, and we listen.

• We educate the public to raise awareness and increase understanding to reduce misperceptions and stigmatizing behaviors toward individuals with dementia.

In Their Voice: Values and Rights of Individuals with Dementia

Because ...

I’m a person. I have thoughts, emotions, wishes, and needs. When you label me a ‘patient,’ ‘victim,’ or ‘sufferer,’ I feel minimized ..................................................

I have a unique background, life history, interests and capabilities ................................................................

I have holistic, emotional, social, physical, and spiritual dimensions, just as you do ........................................

I’m communicating the best I can in verbal and physical ways because I want and need my choices to be understood…….

My autonomy, choices, self-determination, dignity, and privacy are fundamental to my well-being ......................

Choice has risks, normal in everyone’s life, so I may make mistakes or do something I regret...........................

I need to proceed at my own pace in order to feel satisfied, fulfilled, comfortable, and safe...............................

Purpose, meaning, enjoyment, personal growth and relationships are important in my daily life

Therefore ...

Relate to me as you do to any other human being, just like yourself. My personhood may become increasingly hidden, but it’s never lost.

Recognize that my personal goals, measures of success and interests may change over time.

Help me stay connected to what is important to me in my family, home, community, and spirit.

Communicate with me in new ways and learn to interpret my non-verbal behavior, so you can provide the support I need.

I may need and welcome your support, but please do not substitute your decisions for mine.

Respect my decisions, even when they differ from yours, and help me learn from my mistakes.

Place my needs before tasks, and realize that we need to work together.

Promote ways I can achieve my goals, make a difference, and relate to people every day.
# Schedule At A Glance

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### Freedom of Choice: Your Rights, Our Responsibility

**Memory & Alzheimer’s Cafes**

**Creative Expressions Through Film**

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SU NDAY, JUNE 25
4:30– 6:30 pm 4th FLOOR
Reception, Exhibits, & Technology Award
What better way to kick off a conference than a fun event! Come and meet conference participants from all over the world and visit with an impressive selection of excellent exhibitors. Don’t miss the awarding of the first Re-Imagining Life with Dementia Technology Award.

MONDAY, JUNE 26
8:00– 9:00 am GRAND BALLROOM
Welcome & Opening Session
A keynote peppered with humor and candor about re-imaging life with dementia by a national speaker and international advocate living with dementia. ~ Brian LeBlanc, DAA Advisory Council Member and Dementia Alliance International Board Member

Dementia is fast becoming recognized around the world as a disability condition necessitating attention to overall well-being. This keynote presented by an internationally recognized geriatrician, educator and specialist in caring for people with changing cognitive abilities will share insights into new global paradigms of living with dementia. ~ G. Allen Power, MD, Schlegel Chair in Aging and Dementia Innovation, Schlegel-U. Waterloo Research Institute for Aging; Eden Alternative educator and Board member

OPENING PLENARY PANEL SESSION
9:00–10:30 am GRAND BALLROOM
RE-IMAGINING LIFE WITH DEMENTIA
Baby boomers and younger generations of people living with dementia are changing the worldview and understanding of dementia. This moderated panel of five baby boomers and younger living with varying forms of dementia will share their experiences and perspectives and engage conference participants in a lively discussion about re-imaging life with dementia.

Moderated by G. Allen Power, MD; Panelists - Robert Bowles, Retired Pharmacist, DAA Board Member, Advisory Council Member & Scientific Advisory Board Member; Phyllis Fehr, Vice Chair, Ontario Dementia Advisory Group and Dementia Alliance International Board Member (Canada); Paulan Gordon, DAA Advisory Council Member; Brian LeBlanc, DAA Advisory Council Member and Dementia Alliance International Board Member; and Susan Suchan, DAA Advisory Council Member

SUNDAE MEAL CATERED BY

CONCURRENT SESSIONS
11:00–12:30 pm

WORKSHOP – I AM MORE THAN MY DIAGNOSIS: MOVING FROM ISOLATION TO INCLUSION
BUCKHEAD II
Performers with dementia, representing a diversity of diagnoses, share their stories and experiences through a To Whom I May Concern® expressive, interactive play. The play format is a powerful tool to help others understand what it is like to live with symptoms of dementia. A facilitated dialogue between the performers and the audience follows the performance.

Tammy Bellamy and Mary Beth Wighton, Chair, Ontario Dementia Advisory Group Members (Canada); Laura Bowley, Director, Mindset Centre for Living with Dementia (Canada); Paulan Gordon, DAA Advisory Council Member; John Wood, MFA, Visual Artist and DAA Partner, and Carole Millken, Dementia Advocate

CARE PARTNERING PRACTICES TO MANAGE POSITIVELY

TUXEDO
Explore the unique challenges spousal and other care partners encounter supporting and caring for an individual who has dementia. Often the focus is on the person with dementia. Care partner wellbeing is essential also. Learn helpful strategies to maintain one’s own wellbeing.

Nancy Kriseman, LCSW, Geriatric Consulting Services and Jackie Lenzy, CDP, Lenzhyouse Ministry, Inc.

SUPPORTING PERSONHOOD
EAST PACES
Explore the fundamentals of personhood and the stigma surrounding dementia and how it affects personhood. Successful and meaningful approaches to support the personhood of people living with dementia in two settings — adult day and assisted living — are presented.

Moderator – Kim Butrum, RN, MS, GNP, Senior VP of Clinical Services, Silverado Senior Living; Karen Johnson, MSW, Director, McCormick Dementia Services (Canada); Hannah Rhinehart, The George Center for Music Therapy; and Stephanie Mock, Engagement Director, The Arbor Company
REFRAMING PSYCHO-SOCIAL WELLBEING FOR PEOPLE WITH DEMENTIA: CULTURE CHANGE  
NETWORK OF GEORGIA  
GRAND BALLROOM

A diversity of community stakeholders from the Culture Change Network of Georgia discuss their shared experiences supporting people living with dementia and addressing unmet social and emotional needs in Georgia.

Larry Tune, MD, Geriatric Psychiatry, Emory Healthcare/Emory School of Medicine; Walter Coffey, President & CEO, LeadingAge Georgia; Dave Ellis, advocate living with dementia; Molly Levine-Hunt, LCSW, Jewish Family & Career Services; Deke Cateau, COO and John Able, Music Therapist, A.G. Rhodes Health & Rehab; and Suzette Binford, MEd, Georgia Programs Director, Alzheimer’s Association Georgia Chapter

TRANSCENDING THE BIOMEDICAL STATUS QUO TO SUPPORT LIVING WITH DEMENTIA  
BUCKHEAD I

Members from the DAA’s Scientific Advisory Board will engage the audience in candid discussions about the challenges and barriers created by traditional, biomedical practices faced by people and families living with dementia and ways to transcend the status quo.

Jonathan Evans, MD, MPH, Chief Medical Officer, SilverSage Physician Services; Robert Bowles, retired pharmacist living with dementia, DAA Board and Advisory Council Member; Patricia Griffiths, PhD, Assistant Director of Outreach, Atlanta VA Medical Center Rehab R&D Center for Visual & Neurocognitive Rehabilitation; and Jackie Pinkowitz, MEd, Chair, DAA Board of Directors

USING TECHNOLOGY TO SUPPORT AND ENRICH LIFE WITH DEMENTIA  
WEST PACES

Discover how technology companies are enriching the lives of individuals living with dementia and care partners through the use of individualized wellness and positive engagement technologies.

Anne Adams, PhD, Director of Applied Research and Melany Sattler, MSW, VP of Clinical Services, SimpleC; and Dirk Soenksen, CEO, Ceresti Health

REMARKABLE EXPERIENCES: MUSIC & MEMORY AND A FAMILY’S CREATIVE JOURNEY  
CHASTAIN

Learn about the transformative responses triggered by meaningful music from the internationally recognized Music & Memory program, and a family’s amazing experience using creative arts to support self-expression and joy for their loved one with dementia

Moderator – Jayne Clairmont, CEO & Owner, English Rose Suites and b-home Home Care; Deborah Ferris, Regional Director, Music & Memory; and Anna Roberts Hilleren, family member from English Rose Suites

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

2:00–3:30pm

WORKSHOP CONTINUED - I AM MORE THAN MY DIAGNOSIS: MOVING FROM ISOLATION TO INCLUSION  
BUCKHEAD II

Led by the play performers living with dementia, audience members, working in small groups, will brainstorm and create prototype activities to support and encourage dialogue between individuals with dementia and those around them to bring back and share with their communities.

Tammy Bellamy and Mary Beth Wighton, Chair, Ontario Dementia Advisory Group Members (Canada); Laura Bowley, Director, Mindset Centre for Living with Dementia (Canada); Paulan Gordon, DAA Advisory Council Member; John Wood, MFA, Visual Artist and DAA Partner; and Carole Millken, Dementia Advocate

FREEDOM OF CHOICE: YOUR RIGHTS, OUR RESPONSIBILITY  
GRAND BALLROOM

Often choice, one of the most basic human rights, is lost after a diagnosis of dementia. Choice and risk are fundamental aspects of a meaningful life. Explore the concepts of ‘relational autonomy’ and ‘negotiated risk’ and pathways for enabling safe choices.

Al Power, MD, Schlegel Chair in Aging and Dementia Innovation, Schlegel-U. Waterloo Research Institute for Aging; and Mary Radnofsky, PhD, DAA Scientific Advisory Board Member
PUT THE DRUGS DOWN AND TURN THE MUSIC UP: PERSON-BASED TECHNOLOGY  BUCKHEAD I
Learn how gerotechnology is enhancing the lives of individuals living with dementia in residential long-term care settings around the world and about a partnership between It’s Never 2 Late and over 800 Brookdale Senior Living communities to enhance the quality of life for its residents.

Jack York, President & Co-Founder, It’s Never 2 Late; and Juliet Holt Klinger, Senior Director of Dementia Care & Programs, Brookdale Senior Living

CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS THROUGH FILM  WEST PACES
Using video clips, explore how music, painting, storytelling and other forms of imagination open up avenues of expression for individuals with dementia. Audience interaction and discussion is woven throughout the session.

Jim Vanden Bosch, Founder & Executive Director, Terra Nova Films, Inc.

WORKING TOGETHER: TRANSFORMING LONG TERM SERVICE & SUPPORT SETTINGS THROUGH HOLISTIC, RELATIONSHIP-BASED APPROACHES  EAST PACES
Learn about the transformative effects of true collaboration and partnership using holistic, relationship-based practices in residential and home care settings.

Jessica Luh Kim, MA, Director of Education & Program Development, Schlegel Villages (Canada), Nicole Brackett, LPN, Home Care Training Specialist and Jennifer Ramona, National Director of Business Development, Homewatch CareGivers International

MEMORY & ALZHEIMER’S CAFES: FOUR COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVES  CHASTAIN
Memory & Alzheimer’s cafés are social gatherings held in accessible local community settings for people with dementia and their friends. Learn how communities in four states (FL, MA, NM, WI) are customizing Memory & Alzheimer’s Café programs and mutual support networks in their communities.

Moderator – Emily Kearns, PhD, MBA, Coordinator of the Dementia Friendly Massachusetts Initiative; Christine Alessandro, Executive Director, BayPath Elder Services, and Massachusetts Memory Café Percolator Member; Lynn Ann Clausing, MA, Program Coordinator, Fox Valley Memory Project; Jytte Lokvig, PhD, Director, The Alzheimer’s Creativity Project and Memory Café Catalyst; Susan Balkman, Memory Café leader living with dementia; and Maryann Makekau, Founder, Hope Matters Productions

OPTIMIZING THE PHYSICAL, OCCUPATIONAL & SPEECH THERAPY EXPERIENCES FOR PEOPLE WITH DEMENTIA  TUXEDO
Learn how to create optimum therapy experiences for people with dementia using person-centered, relationship-based values and approaches geared for individualized goals.

Moderator – Molly Fogel, LCSW, Director of Education & Special Services, Alzheimer’s Foundation of America; Jan Bays, PT, Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy; and Natalie Scott, MA, CCC-SLP, Creative Health Solutions

TOWN HALL SESSION
4:00–5:00 pm  GRAND BALLROOM
An important feature of the Re-Imagine Life with Dementia conference is the gathering of a wide and diverse dementia stakeholder community. Typically when people gather, it is within one stakeholder group, such as senior living providers, nurses, or researchers. This Town Hall session is an opportunity to gather for open, collective discussions as a diverse dementia community about key items of importance.

Moderator – Sarah Lenz Lock, JD, Senior VP for Policy, AARP
TUESDAY, JUNE 27

PLENARY SESSION
8:00–8:30 am GRAND BALLROOM
RE-IMAGINE LIFE WITH DEMENTIA

8:30–10:00 am GRAND BALLROOM
JUST DANCE WITH ME: THE POWER OF RELATIONSHIPS IN LIVING
Relationships at multiple levels shape our everyday experiences, limiting and supporting our potential for and ability to live life to the fullest. Explore relationships at the personal, organizational, community and system levels that shape the dementia experience for people and families living with it and re-imagine new possibilities to support thriving.

Sherry Dupuis, PhD, Professor in Recreation & Leisure Studies, University of Waterloo and Co-Lead, Partnerships in Dementia Care Alliance (Canada)

CONCURRENT SESSIONS
10:30–12:00 pm

WORKSHOP – SHARING THE SOUL THROUGH EXPRESSIVE ARTS: CREATIVITY, PURPOSE AND JOY
BUCKHEAD II
This interactive Workshop explores how to use creative arts to foster self-expression and feelings of wellbeing through multiple perspectives and disciplines. Working with hands-on activities, audience members will tap into their own creativity to learn how to help people living with dementia use art to experience purpose and joy.

Susan Balkman, Potter and former psychotherapist living with dementia; Jytte Lokvig, PhD, Director, The Alzheimer’s Creativity Project; Maryann Makekau, Founder, Hope Matters Productions; Daniel C. Potts, MD, FAAN, Neurologist, Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center and Founder & President, Cognitive Dynamics Foundation; and Angel Duncan, MA-MFT, ATR, Executive Arts Director, Cognitive Dynamics Foundation

IT’S NOT TIME TO STOP LIVING – TIME TO CONNECT AND LIVE FULLY! GRAND BALLROOM
Meaningfully supporting and participating in the lives of individuals with dementia takes care partners out of traditional roles. This interactive session explores balancing needs and wellbeing, rewards, risks and challenges, and provides useful strategies to stay connected and live fully.

Teepa Snow, MS, OTR/L, FAOTA, Founder, Positive Approach to Care

NOVEL APPROACHES TO ADVANCE DEMENTIA RESEARCH AND INNOVATION BUCKHEAD I
Learn how A-List, a new online community including individuals with dementia and care partners, is collaboratively helping to inform and advance dementia research, FDA protocols and drug development.

Moderator – Jackie Pinkowitz, MEd, Chair, DAA Board of Directors; Meryl Comer, President & CEO, Geoffrey Beene Foundation Alzheimer’s Initiative; Brett Hauber, VP and Senior Economist, RTI Health Solutions; and Paula Garrett, Senior Director of Marketing, Eli Lilly and Company

BETTER TOGETHER: ENHANCING TECHNOLOGY THROUGH COLLABORATIVE DESIGN WEST PACES
Learn about two technology companies that have committed to working collaboratively with individuals living with dementia to ensure their products are useful and well designed. Hear about the collaborative design experience from one of the partners living with dementia.

Mary Pat Hinton, CEO & Co-Founder and Jennifer Krul, Chief Experience Officer, Emmetros (Canada); Mary Beth Wighton, Chair, Ontario Dementia Advisory Group (Canada); and Sean Fahey, Founder & CEO, WindowMirror, Inc.

USING COMPENSATORY STRATEGIES FOR LIVING WITH DEMENTIA BALLROOM E
Learn, laugh and possibly cry hearing about the compensatory strategies two creative women use to live with their dementia symptoms.

Moderator – Kirsten Jacobs, MSW, LeadingAge; Laurie Scherrer, DAA Advisory Council Member; and Truthful Loving Kindness, DAA Advisory Council Member

IT IS POSSIBLE TO LIVE A NORMALIZED LIFE WITH DEMENTIA IN ASSISTED LIVING! EAST PACES
Discover how two small assisted living memory care companies support normalized life for people with dementia through person-centered, relationship-based practices … and lots of commitment and hard work.
OPTIMIZING WELLBEING: TWO EFFECTIVE APPROACHES

Thinking beyond traditional practices, learn about transformative approaches that optimize wellbeing and foster relaxation for individuals with dementia. One method uses horseback riding and is being pilot tested by Stanford and UC Davis. Other methods include touch, aromatherapy and rhythm circles.

PIONEERING DEMENTIA FRIENDLINESS: ONE COMMUNITY AT A TIME – PART I

Dementia Friendly America and other initiatives are catalyzing efforts across the country so communities can engage with people living with dementia and others to increase dementia awareness and understanding. You will learn about initiatives underway in three different communities.

ENGAGING PEOPLE WITH DEMENTIA IN TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH

Often technology related products are developed without input from the end users. This can affect usability. Learn how two university-based initiatives are creating authentic partnerships with people and families living with dementia to incorporate their valuable and diverse perspectives in technology development research.

LIVING WELL WITH DEMENTIA

Through video clips, personal experiences and audience interaction, discuss issues of stigmatization and the prevalence of a deficit-based approach to dementia care rather than a strengths-based approach. Explore way to effect changes.
Chris Perna, CEO, The Eden Alternative, DAA Board Member and Pioneer Network Board Member; Robert Bowles, Retired Pharmacist living with Lewy Body Dementia, DAA Board Member, and DAA Advisory Council Member; and Walter Coffey, MA, President & CEO, LeadingAge Georgia and DAA Board Member

**POSITIVITY IS LIFE AFFIRMING**

Through candid, heartwarming and funny stories, hear one individual’s journey not to let Alzheimer’s define him. Thinking, feeling, understanding and loving are still parts of everyday life as before — now with Alzheimer’s added. Learn how positivity can make a significant difference in one’s life from a cognitive psychology perspective.

Moderator – Cindy Yingling, Vice President Brand Strategy & Development, Integrace; Brian LeBlanc, DAA Board Member and Dementia Alliance International Board Member; and Richard Fenker, PhD, Professor Emeritus of Psychology, Texas Christian University, Dementia App Inventor, Entrepreneur, Author and Photographer

**PIONEERING DEMENTIA FRIENDLINESS: ONE COMMUNITY AT A TIME – PART II**

Discover exciting dementia friendly community efforts underway in two parts of the country (North Colorado and the State of Massachusetts) and in some hospital communities.

Cyndy Luzinski, MSN, Founder & Executive Director, Dementia-Friendly Communities of North Colorado; Christine Alessandro, MA, MEd, Executive Director, BayPath Elder Services, Inc. and Massachusetts Memory Café Percolator Member; and Anthony Cirillo, Founder, The Aging Experience and DAA Officer and Board Member

**FREE TO BE: THRIVING WITH DEMENTIA THROUGH RELATIONSHIPS AND THE ARTS**

The arts are a powerful way of engaging individuals who are living with dementia. Using music, theater exercises and video, this interactive session will explore and discuss relational caring through the arts and provide attendees with opportunities to experience relational caring using various arts mediums.

Christine Jonas-Simpson, RN, PhD, Professor of Nursing, York University (Canada)

**TOWN HALL SESSION**

2:45–3:45 pm GRAND BALLROOM

Express your perspectives and ideas about how to ENHANCE LIFE with dementia and hear others’ insights and ideas at this conference capstone event. Be part of this collective dementia community member discussion!

Moderator – Regina E. Sofer, MPA, D.M., Care Partner and Member, Statewide Dementia Care and Cure Initiative Task Force.

**ANNOUNCING RAFFLE WINNERS**

3:45–4:00 pm GRAND BALLROOM

**CLOSING PLENARY PANEL SESSION**

4:00–5:00 pm GRAND BALLROOM

The panelists from the Opening Plenary Panel Session will share their perspectives about what they heard throughout the conference and how well the discussion points bode for transforming beliefs, perspectives and practices to support and accommodate them to live fully with dementia.

Moderated by G. Allen Power, MD; Panelists - Robert Bowles, Retired Pharmacist, DAA Board Member, Advisory Council Member & Scientific Advisory Board Member; Phyllis Fehr, Vice Chair, Ontario Dementia Advisory Group and Dementia Alliance International Board Member (Canada); Paulan Gordon, DAA Advisory Council Member; Brian LeBlanc, DAA Advisory Council Member and Dementia Alliance International Board Member, and Susan Suchan, DAA Advisory Council Member
Lunch Time Special Interest Groups
Monday, June 26th ~ 1:00–1:45 pm

An expanded lunch time is provided so conference participants have the opportunity to gather in small groups to discuss a topic of collective interest. There are 12 different discussion topics to choose from. Select a topic you are interested in from the list below. So the discussions and small groups can be cohesive, please select one and don’t move from group to group.

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| 1. “Arts & Relational Caring to Support Living” Facilitators: Sherry Dupuis, PhD (participatory action and arts-based researcher and advocate) & Christine Jonas-Simpson, RN, PhD (arts-based researcher and advocate) | ▪ Are living with dementia and are finding value and benefit from any of the creative arts.  
▪ Are using creative arts as a means to foster continued emotional and supportive relationships and connections.  
▪ Are interested in the topic. | Buckhead II            |
| 2. “Developing Dementia Friendly Communities” Facilitators: Jan Bays (DAA Partner co-leading an initiative in Bloomington, IN and Chair, DAA’s Optimizing Well-Being Workgroup) & Lisa Loiselle (co-leading efforts in Ontario, Canada) | ▪ Are considering initiating a Dementia Friendly Community.  
▪ Have already started a Dementia Friendly Community and have experiences to share.  
▪ Want to learn more about them. | Grand Ballroom         |
| 3. “Memory Cafés and Dementia Mentors Program” [also called Alzheimer’s Cafés] Facilitators: Susan Suchan (DAA Advisory Council Member living with dementia facilitating a Memory Café in Tulsa); Laurie Scherrer (DAA Advisory Council Member living with dementia serving as a Dementia Mentor); and Cyndy Luzinski and Katie Fahrenbruch (facilitating a Memory Café in North Colorado) | ▪ Are interested in starting a Memory Café.  
▪ Have started a Memory Café and have experiences to share.  
▪ Have heard about Memory Cafés and want to know more about them.  
▪ Haven’t heard about online Memory Cafés and want to know more.  
▪ Are a Dementia Mentor or interested in learning more about the program. | West Paces             |
| 4. “Living with Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI)” Facilitators: Bill Keane (DAA Board Member living with MCI and Parkinson’s), Truthful Kindness (DAA Advisory Council Member living with MCI and other symptoms) & Walter Coffey (Vice Chair, DAA Board) | ▪ Are interested in mild cognitive impairment (MCI).  
▪ Are living with MCI and want to share your experiences.  
▪ Want to know what’s different about MCI and dementia such as Alzheimer’s. | East Paces             |
| 5. “Making Residential Memory Care Really Good” Facilitators: Jayne Clairmont (DAA Partner who owns and operates memory care homes in MN) & Kim Butrum (heads Corporate Clinical Services for Silverado Memory Care Communities) | ▪ Are interested in discussing what it takes to make residential memory care really good with two top leaders.  
▪ Want to know about the challenges of providing consistent, quality memory care and why some memory care residences are not optimal. | Buckhead I             |
| 6. “Relationship-Based, Person-Centered Leadership Models” Facilitators: Chris Perna (CEO of The Eden Alternative & DAA Board Member) & Jessica Kim (Schlegel Villages Director of Education and Program Development) | ▪ Are interested in discussing relationship-based, person-centered models of leadership for long-term care settings with two internationally recognized experts.  
▪ Are curious about the gold standards of leadership models. | Grand Ballroom         |
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| **7. “State Dementia Plans & Efforts”**                                          | • Are interested in how states are meeting the federal requirement to have dementia plans with two leaders who have seats at their state tables.  
• Are involved with your state’s dementia plan and want to share your experiences. | Ballroom E      |
| Facilitators: **Kim McRae** (member of the GA Alzheimer’s Disease & Related Dementia Task Force & DAA Board Member) &  
**Regina Sofer** (member of the Florida Dementia Care & Cure Initiative)         |                                                                                               |                 |
| **8. “Supporting Care Partner Wellness”**                                        | • Are a care partner for someone(s) living with dementia.  
• Have found effective ways to support your wellness while being a care partner.  
• Are interested in the topic.                                                | Grand Ballroom  |
| Facilitator: **Nancy Kriseman** (DAA Partner and licensed clinical social worker with many years of experience working with care partners) |                                                                                               |                 |
| **9. “Using Technology to Support People and Families Living with Dementia”**    | • Are using technology as an assistive means for your dementia.  
• Are using technology to support someone who is living with dementia.  
• Are befuddled about technology and want to find out how it can be helpful.  | Morningside     |
| Facilitators: **Rich Fenker** DAA Partner and Chair, DAA’s Technology & Dementia Workgroup & **Brian Kursonis** (DAA Partner living with dementia) |                                                                                               |                 |
| **10. “What Do You Want Future Doctors to Know About Diagnosing and Treating Individuals with Dementia”** | • Are living with dementia and want to have a discussion about your personal experiences with healthcare and what could make it better.  
• Are a care partner and are interested in discussing your personal experiences with healthcare and what could make it better.  
• Are curious about the topic.                                                 | Tuxedo          |
| Facilitator: **Robert Santulli**, MD (teaches at the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth); **Pooja Sikka**, **Marissa Evans**, **Honor Paine**, and **Paige Whittemore** (Dartmouth College students) |                                                                                               |                 |
| **11. “What Does Quality Dementia Care Look Like?”**                             | • Are interested in discussing what quality dementia care looks like with a luminary in the field.  
• Know that quality dementia care is important and want to know more.          | Grand Ballroom  |
| Facilitator: **Beverly Sanborn** (VP Program Development at Belmont Village Senior Living) |                                                                                               |                 |
| **12. “What’s Different About Lewy Body Dementia (LBD)”**                        | • Want to understand the difference between LBD and other types of dementia such as Alzheimer’s and vascular dementia.  
• Have LBD and are interested in sharing your experiences.  
• Are a care partner to someone(s) living with LBD.                           | Chastain        |
| Facilitators: **Robert Bowles** (DAA Advisory Council Member living with LBD) and **Pamela Corsentino** (Manager of Family Services at the national LBD association) |                                                                                               |                 |
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We’re Living Beyond Dementia

Lyrics by Laurie Scherrer ~ Music by Laurie Scherrer & Ed Everaert
Vocals by Nicole Barron ~ Instrumentation by Ed Everaert
Recorded by Stonehedge Studio ~ Produced by Bakhus Saba

This song was written by Laurie Scherrer, a member of the Dementia Action Alliance’s Advisory Group for the 2017 Re-Imagine Life with Dementia conference.

We’re living beyond dementia
Connecting our lives
To help us survive
So we live our time to the fullest we can

We’re living our lives with purpose
Engaging our days
To find better ways
And bring this life to the fullest we can

We’re working to shift the stigma
From challenged to change
How people exchange
So we live our lives to the fullest we can
So we live our lives to the fullest we can

I’m Still Here

Words and Music by Craig Benelli and Laura Berman
Performed by 4 Stories High

This song was written as a tribute to Richard Taylor and to the many people and families living with dementia. We’ve made the song available as a FREE DOWNLOAD on Noise Trade. http://noisetrade.com/4storieshigh/im-still-here ~ www.4storieshigh.com

My world today
Is not the same as it was yesterday
But I’m still here
So tell me who do you see
The person I am or just a disease
When I’m still here
I’m still here

If I am lost show me the way
Down this dark and narrow road
Be my compass, give me direction
Remind me I’m not alone
Cause if it’s me you’re looking for
I’m still here
I’m still here

While you’re looking for truth
I look in the mirror and I’m living proof
That I’m still here
More than just skin and bones
It may take my mind, but it won’t take my soul
I’m still here
I’m still here

What is my meaning, what is my purpose
In these hours in the day
Can you be the stranger to give me the answer
Though I may not know your name
Cause if it’s me you’re looking for
You don’t have to look anymore
Cause I’m still here
I’m still here
This area not DAA meeting space.