Dementia doesn’t rob someone of their dignity, it’s our reaction to them that does.”
— Teepa Snow

Help Trellis support dementia friendly communities. Make a difference in the lives of people with dementia and their care partners.

Please donate today.

Using the arts to end the stigma of memory loss

The Remember Project brings issues connected to the care and experience of dementia to audiences through a theatrical performance. Audience members participate in often life-changing conversations about insights surfaced in the play. Learn more at rememberproject.org.
Community is a lifeline for Brigid

Brigid was 87 years old and a beloved neighbor. She was creative, opinionated and witty. She was also showing signs of memory loss.

One day her neighbor heard a smoke alarm and found a burned pan on the stove with Brigid making a futile attempt to wave the smoke away with a broom. Not long after, Brigid learned that she had a blood clot, most likely due to poorly managed medications. Brigid’s memory issues were affecting her physical health and something needed to change.

Her family moved her into a transitional care center where they put her in quarantine due to COVID. In her isolation, she grew increasingly depressed. Her neighbors took turns visiting and for her 88th birthday they threw a party for her through her window.

With support from her family and neighbors, Brigid was able to go back to her apartment temporarily before moving to an assisted living apartment.

Brigid doesn’t have a good sense of time and falters with decision-making. She may forget names, but never forgets how to make the neighborhood kids laugh. The neighbors’ love, concern and enjoyment of Brigid is unfaltering and keeps many generations on the block connected.

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The pandemic has put the need for community front and center for people living with dementia and their caregivers.

Individuals and families can’t manage the extraordinary demands on their own. Yet, too often fear, the stigma of memory loss and misconceptions about the effects of dementia stand in the way of effective community support.

The community-based dementia-friendly initiatives supported by Trellis activate communities to help people impacted by memory loss. With 50+ Action Communities, 21,500+ Dementia Friends and exciting new arts-related efforts by The Remember Project, we’re making a difference.

Your donation will help fund community grants and provide technical support and training.

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