

The Next Ten Years Summit Responses

Visions for a 2034 Dementia-Friendly World



A world where everyone is aware of and understands dementia; has access to resources, services and supports without barriers and is inclusive to all.



Airports will have a fast track for travelers with dementia. Doctors' offices will have quiet space with memorabilia to look at. Grocery stores will have special dementia-friendly hours. We will take notes from the Autism community.



Create a rich community fabric to care for and support those with dementia and their caregivers that includes:

- strong education and awareness,
 - removing stigma,
- culturally supportive, multigenerational, healthcare resources at our fingertips,
- and affordable dementia-friendly housing and transportation.



All individuals trained or knowledgeable about dementia and how to interact with those who have it. More services available to PLWD and their loved ones. Self-contained communities where PLWD can live more independently. Barriers are overcome!



Create safe, accessible, intergenerational, multicultural communities that uplift and support those with dementia so that everyone can live and contribute in meaningful ways.



We envision a community in which all sectors see and hear people living with dementia and where community development provides creative accessibility and functional environments for all.



We will incorporate and learn from other organizations and inclusivity movements working together. Intergenerational programs and facilities will expose children at an early age to dementia to eliminate stigma.



In our dementia-friendly Minnesota our cities, communities, and state will be educated, aware, and have access to inclusive dementia resources starting at diagnosis and culminating with no one ever experiencing the fear and indignity of being in a locked facility.



We envision fully accessible communities; resources known, utilized and promoted; all ages valued and contributing. Individuals who are empowered not impaired.



We see a future dementia-friendly community to include: businesses treating all their customers with dignity and respect, city and local governments supporting aging in place, and those with cognitive decline receiving a timely and accurate diagnosis and disease management that improves the quality of their lives.



In 2024, we will be leveraging the resources and connections of organizations* committed to a human-centered approach to living with neurodegenerative disease to reduce stigma, create well-being, and support advances in care.

*community-based organizations, medical community, support organizations, families and care partners, state/local/federal government, corporations



We have a vision for a community engaged and prepared to care for all people to feel supported, safe and included. A community that embraces the value of education around brain health throughout life

Talkback Boards



What energizes you in this work?

- Hope for a new treatment
- The "thank you"s
- Creating connections between people and organizations
- Making a difference for good
- Hugs from caregivers
- Moving from isolation to JOY
- Engaged community members



What programs or services should more people know about?

- Minnesota Death Collaborative, International End of Life Doula Association
- Dementia Choirs
- Pet therapy
- Prairie Star Care Farm in Princeton
- Silverwood Park SPARK! Program (St Anthony)
- Elevate in Perham
- Lakes Area Connected Communities



What community or service needs more attention in the dementia work?

- Communities of Color
- LGBTQ+ Elders
- Respite
- Rural folks (transportation)
- The family as a whole
- Early onset



What is not working?

- Statewide Resources, i.e. Memory Café Directory
- Ignorance
- Consistency of Care

Planting a Future:
How we get there
vote results



Top three categories

- Advocacy for staffing and financial resources
- Community and Organizational Education
- Peer Collaboration & Gatherings

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Peer Collaboration & Gatherings														
Resources: Money, Grants, Marketing														
Shared Info														
Advocacy for Staffing & \$														
Intergenerational														
Caregiver Support														
Community & Organizational Education														