



### Your Commitment...

- Participation in 45-60 minute educational programs to help employees understand the symptoms of dementia as well as supportive strategies
- Agreement to meet standards for supporting employees and customers who might have dementia

### And Ours...

- Provide a sign to place in your window indicating that your business is Dementia-Friendly
- Continuing education and support

## Dementia Facts

- Dementia is a group of symptoms that affect
  - memory,
  - thinking, and
  - social abilitiesseverely enough to interfere with the performance of daily activities.
- ONE in NINE people age 65+ exhibit symptoms of dementia.
- Approximately 210,000 Illinois residents have Alzheimer's disease; this includes approximately 11,500 residents of Lake County.
- Approximately 589,000 Illinois family members and friends provide care to a person with Alzheimer's or other dementia.
- The value of unpaid care provided by Illinois caregivers... \$8,163,000,000.

To learn more and schedule a program, contact Chris at

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## Dementia-Friendly Community Programs



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# Dementia-Friendly Communities



## Dementia-Friendly Communities

- Reduce the stigma related to dementia.
- Increase the “voice” of people with dementia and their families.

“A diagnosis of dementia is not given just to one person — it is given to a spouse, a partner, a child, the extended family and friends. It is important to remember that every time a diagnosis is made it is life changing.” *Professor Alistair Burns, NHS England*

## Dementia-Friendly Communities enable people with dementia to...

- More safely find their way around their communities
- Access local facilities that they know and where they are known such as stores, cafes, restaurants, churches, medical/dental offices, the bank, the post office, the library, etc.
- Maintain their social networks so they feel that they still belong



## Launching a Dementia-Friendly Community program at your business provides...

- Increased public awareness and understanding of dementia
- Public recognition and support of businesses and workplaces taking steps towards being more inclusive
- A commitment to action through training, posting of signs, and/or re-designing layout and products to be dementia-friendly



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