## **Dementia Impacts All of Us...**

Over <u>5 million</u> Americans have dementia according to the Alzheimer's Association figures reported in 2018.

Wisconsin's Department of Health Services estimates 2,005 people are living with dementia right here in Dodge County. It is expected to reach 3,648 by the year 2040.

## Positive Words

"I have chosen to shop at your store because you are dementia friendly." ~ person with dementia

"I want to join your church because this shows the compassion you have for all people."

~ new church members

"I like coming here because you accept him for who he is and understand how to communicate with him."

~ caregiver



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YOUR INVOLVEMENT CAN MAKE AN ENORMOUS DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

# For More Information

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# Become a

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY

# **Business/Organization**



WORKING TOGETHER
TO CREATE
DEMENTIA FRIENDLY
COMMUNITIES
THROUGHOUT
DODGE COUNTY

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#### What is Dementia?

Dementia is a term used to describe a set of symptoms resulting from diseases such as Alzheimer's as well as other conditions such as strokes. The damage to the brain interferes with a person's ability to carry out daily activities.



Learn more about what it is like to live with dementia and turn that understanding into action.

Businesses and organizations that become **Dementia Friendly** will have access to resources and information about dementia and how it may affect their customers, clients, or participants.

# Benefits to You and Your Business/Organization

- Recognized as a community partner
- Increased customer satisfaction
- Opportunities for publicity
- ✓ Increased employee satisfaction

It is estimated to cost U.S. companies \$34 billion a year due to lost productivity, absenteeism, disengagement, turn over, and increased healthcare cost of full time employees who are also caregivers.

# Criteria to Be a Dementia Friendly Business/Organization

- √ 50% or more of your staff trained
- Management trained
- ✓ Incorporate into ongoing training
- Consider future environmental improvements



### **Cost to be Dementia Friendly?**



#### What's Included

- √ 30-45 minute training by volunteers
- Online and printed materials
- ✓ FREE tools and resources
- New dementia friendly culture
- ✓ Collaboration...the key component in the battle plan against dementia



