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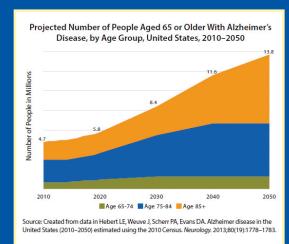
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## A New Way of Caring for those with Demention

The Hospice Foundation, in collaboration with REAL Services, is creating the first dementia daytime care facility in the US that integrates immersion programming and comprehensive caregiver training into its continuum of care. Center for Hospice Care's former Roseland facility will become the Care Connections Center at Milton Village which will also be home to:

- Milton Village
- Alzheimer's and Dementia Services of Northern Indiana
- the Institute for Excellence in Memory Care
- Caregiver Resource Center







Unique in concept and design, the facility will provide new ways of caring for those with dementia and incorporates input from world-renowned dementia care experts. Participants in the daytime program will be encouraged to engage in everyday activities that enhance their ability to connect to their past in unique environments that respect their preferred lifestyle and living preferences.

Other programs focusing on caregiver support will be incorporated into the facility's operations. Enhanced services to caregivers in the form of support groups, educational resources, and counseling will be provided by professional staff and community partners.

## A Growing Need

The Alzheimer's Association estimates that 5.8 million Americans 65 and older are living with the disease, as of 2020. As more and more of the Baby Boomer generation reaches that age, the number of Americans with the disease will increase to a projected 7.1 million by 2025, an increase of nearly 22%. The World Health Organization estimates that the number of people affected with dementia will triple in the next 30 years.

REAL Services (REAL) estimates that in St. Joseph County alone there are currently 49,200 unpaid caregivers caring for over 13,000 loved ones living with dementia or Alzheimer's disease. In surveys conducted by REAL in 2017 and 2019, more







than a thousand community partners, caregivers and clients responded about the need for, and the gaps in, the current service delivery system. Among the top identified gaps: education and training for caregivers; help in applying for Medicaid; respite care; and assistance with locating services.

In December 2017, a study conducted by the National Research Center obtained the following information for St. Joseph County: only 29% of respondents said there were excellent or good options for adult day care; only 33% stated that

the availability of resource information was excellent or good; 31% responded that they had a burden with care giving; 41% responded that information was needed on public programs.

Based upon this overwhelming information, we believe now is the time to develop this new model of care that brings together – in a single location – all the resources necessary to address the needs of those living with dementia and the caregivers who ensure their quality of living is as great as it possibly can be. Once the new facility is open, we expect to care for many more clients with a goal of serving at least 200 dementia clients annually, with a projected average daily census of 55.







This project, unique to Indiana, and perhaps unique to the entire country, addresses the needs of caregivers and the needs of those affected with dementia. The Caregiver Resource Center (CRC) will focus on the caregiver, where they will increase their knowledge base, find support, find comfort, and recharge. Milton Village will create a unique and state-of-the-art dementia-focused adult day center that will promote well-being, expressive arts, and person-centered care.



Enhancing the quality of the day for you and your loved one