

Conference on Dementia, September 21st, 2018

*September 21st is World Alzheimer's Day. Memory Lane Home Living Inc, a not-for-profit dementia initiative, in collaboration with **King Township** and **Seneca's Social Service Worker Gerontology program** is hosting a half-day conference to explore developments in Canada and around the world that allow people to live well with dementia.*

Dementia expert Caroline Grammer, MSW, from Seneca College King Campus, and Don Fenn, President and CEO of Caregiver Omnimedia (recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Medal and Executive Member for the Community Advisory Committee of AGE-WELL) will be the keynote speakers.

There will also be short presentations from the Alzheimer's Society of York Region on Dementia Friendly Communities, and York Regional Police will share their use of technology to run "Project Lifesaver." Memory Lane Home Living Inc. will explore the concept of Spirituality on the dementia journey and its successes.

Sharon McCleave, PhD, faculty in Seneca's degree in therapeutic recreation will present on a unique mode of music therapy and Sharron Spencer, from Hospice Georgina, and a graduate from the Seneca Social Service Worker Gerontology program will present on caregiver burnout. Students from the Social Service Worker Gerontology program will also demonstrate activities to help improve memory, reduce agitation and increase participation in family life, and show you how to create IPOD playlists, memory boxes, and sensory stimulation activities.

The purpose of this conference is to provide caregivers, health professionals, businesses, church leaders, and politicians with ideas and solutions as to how we can live better with dementia at home, in facilities and in our communities.

There will also be exhibitors demonstrating their dementia services/products (for profit and not-for-profit) to share with the public. The net proceeds raised from the exhibitors will be donated to the Alzheimer's Society of York Region.

This is an event not to be missed. There is no charge for this half-day conference on Friday, September 21st from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in King City. A light lunch is included. Registration is required due to limited seating. To register call (905) 237-1419 or e-mail mlliving14@gmail.com.