

# Dementia Friendly Saline Recognized with Chamber of Commerce Award

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This April, the Saline Area Chamber of Commerce presented Jim Mangi with its Visionary of the Year Award for the work of Dementia Friendly Saline (DFS).

The Chamber cited Jim and DFS for their work in making it less difficult for persons with dementia and their families to fully participate in the community life of Saline, thereby making a great place to live, even better.



In conjunction with the Chamber's award, Jim also received a proclamation signed by Saline Mayor Brian Marl (an early and active supporter of DFS), along with a Special Tribute from State Representative Donna Lasinski and Governor Gretchen Whitmer, citing the work of DFS in "creating a culture of compassion, understanding and empathy in Saline" and "touching the lives and hearts of many in the dementia community and throughout Saline."

In comments at the award dinner, Jim said it was great to see more and more Dementia Friendly window clings in businesses around Saline, but that he will keep working on that until every local organization that deals with the public is Dementia Friendly.