

## THE SALINE AREA'S BECOMING DEMENTIA FRIENDLY JOIN THE MOVEMENT



In a Dementia Friendly Community, businesses and organizations welcome persons living with Alzheimer's or other dementias, and make interactions less difficult for them, as customers, clients, or members. Learning how to do this is easy—a free 1 hour workshop; then, operating as a Dementia Friendly establishment involves no costly changes—just awareness of the kinds of difficulties persons with dementia have.

Over 10% of persons over 65 are dealing with dementia, and four out of five of them are out and around in the community, not sequestered in a facility. They are a part of, not apart from, our community. Because of the changes in their brains from diseases such as Alzheimer's, persons with dementia experience challenges with memory, thinking, communication and other aspects of their daily lives. These good people are doing the best they can to deal with problems not of their making. They, and their care partners, will spend their time and money in places that respect them and make it easy to interact.

The non-profit Dementia Friendly Saline ([dfsaline.org](http://dfsaline.org)) offers free, 1 hour workshops on Dementia Friendly practices to any business or organization, or any group in Saline, Washtenaw County, or elsewhere for that matter. Delivered in person or via Zoom, at your convenience, each workshop is tailored to the nature of your business or organization—be it financial services, hospitality, retail, services, groceries, or just a neighborhood group. All workshops are presented by professionally trained and certified Dementia Champions.



Participants will receive Dementia Friend pins, and your organization will receive website icons and window decals declaring you a Dementia Friendly establishment.

Join the City government of Saline, Holy Faith Church, Bethel United Church of Christ, EHM Senior Solutions, TRUE Community Credit Union and others in becoming Dementia Friendly to benefit your organization and those you serve.

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