

Common Ground— What to expect as a Caregiver!

Steps to take to be a part of our Common Ground program

Registration Process:

- 1. Must register prior to attending a Common Ground program.
- 2. CarePartners Coordinator will complete your registration over the phone or in person.
- 3. Must provide contact information about yourself and detailed information about the individual you are caring for, including a diagnosis.
- 4. You can attend as many Common Ground programs as you need throughout the month. In order to attend, you must register for those with a CarePartners Coordinator.
- 5. You will receive respite support by attending the Common Ground program and in many cases there is a Gathering Place program for your loved one to attend if they have a memory loss diagnosis.



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Common Ground Program:

- 1. You're registered for the Common Ground program!
- 2. The first time you attend, you will be greeted by one of our Common Ground volunteers and welcomed by other caregivers like yourself in the group.
- 3. In case of emergencies, we understand that you must be available via phone during the Common Ground session. But please place your phone on vibrate.
- 4. Common Ground can be between 1-2 hours depending on the number of caregivers attending.
- 5. Information shared is confidential.
- 6. We hope you receive information, support, education and emotional support while you attend Common Ground.

CarePartners Coordinator Expectations:

- A CarePartners Coordinator is assigned to you and is available to assist you with education, resources and support. Ask about our other CarePartners programs that offer additional respite support.
- 2. Communication from a CarePartners Coordinator or Volunteer may occur to ensure you are provided with all the tools necessary to care for your loved one.