

# Gathering Place— What to expect as a Caregiver!

### Steps to take to join a Gathering Place program

#### **Registration Process:**

- 1. Must register prior to attending.
- 2. CarePartners Coordinator will complete registration through an intake process in person or via phone.
- 3. Must provide detailed information about individual living with mild to moderate memory loss, including diagnosis.
- 4. Choose Gathering Place locations that best fit your schedule. You are welcome to attend as many per month as you can, but you must be registered for those specific monthly Gathering Places. You will receive 3.5 hours of complimentary respite while your loved one attends the program, if appropriate.

#### Do's & Don'ts:

- 1. We do not provide personal assistance with feeding, medication, toileting or incontinence. It may be recommended you or your paid caregiver are required to stay with your loved one.
- 2. We do not allow inappropriate behavior or wandering. If this occurs, your loved one may not be able to attend.



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### **Gathering Place Program:**

- 1. You're registered for the Gathering Place! You will receive communication from our Volunteer Care Team® at each Gathering Place you are registered to attend. Volunteers are encouraged to send you invitations and phone calls as reminders.
- 2. Arriving at the Gathering Place the first time! You are greeted by Caring Volunteers and a CarePartners Coordiantor.
- 3. Care partners (individual living with memory loss) are often paired with a caring volunteer to provide support and encouragement.
- 4. You are welcome to stay with your loved one, or leave them with their volunteer, when appropriate. This is your respite, you choose how you would like to use the 3.5 hours.
- 5. In case of emergencies, you must be available by phone if you are leaving your loved one in our care.
- 6. Pick-up is at 1:30 PM, please arrive promptly.

## **CarePartners Coordinator Expectations:**

- 1. A CarePartners Coordinator is assigned to you and your Gathering Place and is available to assist you with education, resources and support.
- 2. Communication from a CarePartners Coordinator or Volunteer is frequent due to the monitoring of your loved one during the program.