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CarePartners is Growing

As the end of 2021 approaches, CarePartners is preparing for 2022 by expanding and strengthening how we serve our families. Check out what we are up to below!

CarePartners to Assume Operations of Dementia Day Center

We announced in September that we will take on operations of the BakerRipley Dementia Day Center on January 1, 2022. When BakerRipley announced plans a few months ago to close the Center this fall, our Board and staff moved quickly to examine CarePartners' ability to add this program to our services. Quite simply, the Dementia Day Center is a perfect fit for our mission, and we are excited to ensure it remains a key resource available to caregivers in our community.

Following the announcement, we received overwhelmingly positive feedback from families, community partners, the general public, and local media, including coverage that aired on [KPRC](#) and [Fox 26](#).

To date, we have raised over 60% of the funds needed for our 3-year transition plan. We are also excited to announce [a matching gift challenge from the David Weekley Family](#). They will generously match all funds raised from September 9 to December 15, up to \$150,000. We are gratified by their desire to ensure a smooth transition for the Day Center, and we hope you will consider this opportunity to double your own financial investment in our vision.

Double Your Donation!

The David Weekly Family Foundation will match all funds raised from September 9 to December 15, up to \$150,000. [Click here](#) to donate today and double your own financial investment in our future.



Scan the QR code to donate to our Dementia Day Center and double your donation through December 15.

Welcome our new staff member, Michelle Salazar-Martinez

Please join us in welcoming Michelle Salazar-Martinez, our new Vice President of Development. A native of West Texas, she moved here in 2005 with her husband and three children. Her favorites in life include her 4-year old granddaughter, her "grand-pets", and spending time with family and friends.

Michelle has had a life-long passion for improving the health of vulnerable populations and hopes to apply her skills to helping CarePartners grow our programs and reach during this momentous time. For the past 30+ years, Michelle has worked in the public and nonprofit sectors conducting grants management, fundraising, and strategic planning/development. She has helped large and small nonprofit organizations secure millions of dollars from government and philanthropic sources. She looks forward to working with the dedicated staff and volunteers at CarePartners to ensure the best resources for caregivers and persons living with memory loss or the challenges of aging.



New Caregiver Support and Education Specialist Position

CarePartners is excited to announce a new program to provide more comprehensive support to family caregivers. In early 2022, we will add a Caregiver Support and Education Specialist to our team. Accessible via phone, in-person, or virtually, a licensed social worker will provide one-on-one coaching, action planning, and family mediation support to caregivers. This will fill the gap for caregivers who need more support than can be provided by volunteers through our traditional programs. [Click here for more information.](#)



Service in the Midst of COVID

Currently Open Gathering Place sites:

- Christ Church Sugar Land UMC
- Christ the Good Shepherd Catholic
- Clear Lake Presbyterian
- Emmanuel Episcopal
- Epiphany of the Lord Catholic
- First Methodist, Conroe
- First United Methodist Church Humble
- Grace Presbyterian
- Holy Comforter Lutheran
- Houston's First Baptist
- Kingwood United Methodist
- Klein United Methodist
- Lakewood United Methodist
- Memorial Drive Presbyterian
- Memorial Drive United Methodist
- South Main Baptist, Pasadena
- Spring Branch Presbyterian
- St. Francis Episcopal
- St. John Vianney Catholic
- St. Martin's Episcopal
- St. Paul the Apostle Catholic
- The Woodlands United Methodist
- The Woodlands Community Presbyterian
- Zion Lutheran

Currently Open Second Family sites:

- Christ the Good Shepherd Catholic
- Holy Comforter Lutheran
- Lakewood United Methodist
- Memorial Drive Presbyterian
- Messiah Lutheran, Cypress

Currently Open Common Ground sites:

- Brentwood Baptist
- Houston's First Baptist
- Klein United Methodist
- Lakewood United Methodist
- Living Word Lutheran
- The Woodlands Community Presbyterian
- The Woodlands United Methodist
- Trinity Episcopal

This list is continually updated. Stay tuned for more re-openings coming in 2022. Please email CarePartners at info@carepartnerstexas.org or call 713-682-5995 if you have any questions.



Pop a Cork 2021 at the Heights Villa

Save the
Date &
Pop a Cork
for
CarePartners!

Heights Villa

Thursday, Nov. 4



CarePartners is pleased to announce our second annual wine tasting event in partnership with Élevage Collection and Village Liquor!

Your support and attendance at **Pop a Cork for CarePartners: An Evening Wine Tasting Benefit** will help CarePartners continue to positively impact family caregivers and their loved ones across the Greater Houston area. Enjoy a guided wine tasting perfectly paired with small bites. There will be networking opportunities, a wine pull, food, drinks, a silent auction, and more.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Ticket and table purchases are available. Please contact Tom Breaux, VP and COO, at tbreaux@carepartnerstexas.org.

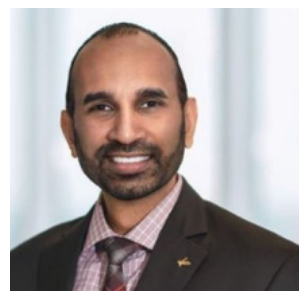


Scan the QR
code for ticket
and table options

Expert Panel: Care Team® Service & Safety During COVID

On September 8, CarePartners hosted an Expert Q&A Panel with Dr. Anand Naik, Dr. Angela Catic, Lea Kiefer, MPH, and Dr. Ali-Asghar Ali. The panelists answered questions about re-opening programs, care team service, and safety protocols during COVID.

If you were unable to attend, [click here to view](#) the questions and answers from the session.



Education Events Fall 2021



Saturday, October 30 - Free In-person Caregiver Conference

Where: St. Luke's United Methodist Church

3471 Westheimer at Edloe, Houston, TX 77027

When: Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. and the conference ends at 11:45 a.m.

[Learn More](#)

[Register](#)

Please note: Lunch will NOT be provided at this conference. St. Luke's UMC requires all attendees to wear a mask. Space is limited due to the pandemic.

We encourage everyone attending to follow CDC guidelines and practice physical distancing whenever possible. Please contact CarePartners at 713-682-5995 with any questions.

Saturday, November 6 - Free In-person Caregiver Conference

Where: Christ Church United Methodist

6363 Research Forest Drive, The Woodlands, TX 77381

When: Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. and the conference ends at 1:00 p.m.

[Learn More](#)

[Register](#)

CarePartners and Interfaith of The Woodlands Present Fall 2021 Caregivers Conference: Free skill-building and informative workshops for family members caring for a loved one, including children with special needs.

Friday, November 19 - Free Online Caregiver Conference

When: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Registration coming soon!

CarePartners is a volunteer-run nonprofit organization, and we rely on donations to provide our life-changing programs now more than ever. CarePartners is committed to fulfilling our mission to serve our Care Team® volunteers and family caregivers caring for loved ones with Alzheimer's, dementia and other challenges of aging through our three priorities: Support, Education, and Resources.

Your gift can make an immediate impact on our ability to fulfill our mission and serve our more than 3,660 family caregivers during this time of uncertainty. We thank you for your support.

To support CarePartners with a donation today, [click here.](#)



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If your group, or one you know of in the community, has an interest in starting a **Second Family**, **Common Ground** or **Gathering Place** program, contact Tom Breaux at tbreaux@carepartnerstexas.org or by phone at 713.682.5995.