

CAREGIVER EVENTS CALENDAR

Are YOU caring for a parent, spouse or sick relative?

You ARE a caregiver...and a wife, husband, parent, child, friend, employee.....

These events are for YOU!

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PLEASE CALL AHEAD to confirm time and place, as holidays may conflict with meeting dates. All meetings are open to the public and cost free, unless otherwise noted.

September 1 (6:30 PM) Younger-Onset Dementia Care Partners' Support Group. For caregivers and individuals who have Younger-Onset dementia. Sponsored by Alzheimer's Association. Meets at Faith Lutheran Church, 2740 Fuller Avenue NE, Grand Rapids, 49505 (Telephone Screening Required)
Contact: Mary Mathieu
Phone: (616) 459-4558

September 2 (6:00 PM) Frontotemporal Dementia/ Pick's Disease Caregiver Support Group. For caregivers of individuals who have Frontotemporal/Pick's Disease. Co-sponsored by Alzheimer's Association and St. Mary's Health Care. Meets at St. Mary's Health Care, Wege Center, Room 14, 300 Lafayette SE, Grand Rapids.
Contact: Karen Bugg
Phone: (616) 685-5445

September 3, 10, 17, 24 (10 AM-12 PM) Family Support Groups. This is a time for people who are on a cancer journey with someone they love to come together to discuss issues, give information to one another and be part of a supportive community. Meets at Gilda's Club, 1806 Bridge NW, Grand Rapids.
Contact: Beth Nelson
Phone: (616) 453-8300

September 3, 17 (12:30 to 2:30 PM) Caregiver Support Group. For caregivers of individuals who have Alzheimer's or related dementias. Co-sponsored by Alzheimer's Association and CareTree Adult Day Services. Respite for loved one available free of charge – call ahead to make arrangements. Meets at CareTree, 800 East Beltline NE, Grand Rapids.
For information: Clayton Brillhart (616) 363-4101
For respite call: Audrey (616) 464-3665

September 3, 10, 17, 24 (6:00-8:00 PM) Family Support Groups. This is a time for people who are on a cancer journey with someone they love to

come together to discuss issues, give information to one another and be part of a supportive community. Meets at Gilda's Club, 1806 Bridge NW, Grand Rapids.

Contact: Beth Nelson
Phone: (616) 453-8300

September 3 (7:00 PM) Adult Children Caregiver Support Group. For adult children of individuals who have Alzheimer's or related dementias. Co-sponsored by Alzheimer Association and Rest Haven Homes. Meets at Rest Haven Homes, 1424 Union NE, Grand Rapids.
Contact: Ruth Johnston
Phone: (616) 363-6819

September 7, 21 (1:30 – 2:30 PM). Men's Caregiver Support Group. For male caregivers of individuals who have Alzheimer's or related dementias. Co-sponsored by Alzheimer's Association and Rest Haven Homes. Meets at Rest Haven Homes, 1424 Union NE, Grand Rapids (respite available). **Note:** The Alzheimer's Association co-sponsors a number of caregiver support groups in Kent County; a complete list is available online at <http://www.alz.org/gmc> or by calling 1-800-272-3900.
Contact: Brian Wilson
Phone: (616) 363-6819

September 8 (4:30 PM – 5:30 PM) Caregiver Resource Information Series. Speaker: Brian Plachta, Elder Law Attorney. Topic: Legal Issues Related to Family Caregiving. This free information series is a partnership between the Grand Rapids Public Library and the Caregiver Resource Network designed to educate family caregivers. Meets at the downtown main branch of the Grand Rapids Public Library at 111 Library Street NE, Grand Rapids. No RSVP is required. For more information consult the GRPL website at www.grpl.org.

September 8 (7:00 – 8:30 PM) Trinity Lutheran Church's Helping Helpers. Speaker and Topic: TBD. An education and support group for caregivers. Meets at Trinity Lutheran Church, Room 213/215, 2700 East Fulton, Grand Rapids.
For more information: (616) 949-2510

www.caregiverresource.net

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September 9 (10:45 AM – 3:00 PM) Get Away Day: Lunch in Rockford at Red's on the River Followed by shopping downtown. Offered by Holland Home, this is a fun, recreational outing planned by caregivers and staff. This program is designed to provide caregivers with the opportunity to enjoy some time for themselves, away from the duties of caregiving. Transportation is available for the first 23 people to sign up. Meet at CareTree – 800 East Beltline NE at 10:45am. Call ahead if you need respite care for your loved one, and to make reservation.

Contact: Audrey
Phone: (616) 464-3665
Cost: Cost of lunch

September 9 (4:00 PM) Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group. Meets the second Wednesday of each month at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 2560 Lake Michigan Dr. NW, Grand Rapids.

Contact: Dorothy Teesdale
Phone: (616) 897-9794

September 13 (2:00-4:00 PM) ALS Support Group. Features both joint and separate meetings for caregivers and care recipients. Meets at 1st Evangelical Covenant Church, 1933 Tremont Blvd. NW, Grand Rapids.

Contact: West Michigan Chapter of ALS
Phone: (616) 459-1900 or (800) 387-7121

September 14, 28 (5:30-6:30PM) "Family Connection" Support Group. This support group helps spouses, parents, siblings and other caregivers more effectively deal with the stresses created by the symptoms or behaviors associated with mental illness. It also offers guidance through shared experiences, the sharing of effective coping strategies, and knowledge about various disorders in a safe confidential setting. This support group sponsored by Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services meets at the clinic located at 4211 Parkway Place, Suite 100, Grandville.

Contact: Southwest Clinic
Phone: (616) 222-3700

September 15 (2:00 PM) Caregiver Support Group. For caregivers of individuals who have Alzheimer's or related dementias. Co-sponsored by Alzheimer's Association and Holland Home Raybrook Manor. Meets in the Chapel Fellowship Room at Raybrook Manor, 2121 Raybrook Ave. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546

Contact: Laurie Howe **Phone:** (616) 235-2084

September 15 (6:30 – 8:00 PM) Caregiver Support Group. A Support and education group for people who take care of a loved one. Co-sponsored by The Shrine of St. Francis Xavier and Our Lady of Guadalupe, and Immaculate Heart of Mary parishes. Meets at St. Francis Xavier school at 250 Brown St. SE, Grand Rapids. **Phone:** (616) 538-8019

September 16 (10:00 – 11:30 AM) Caregiver Support Group. Topic: TBD. A Support and education group for people who take care of a loved one.

Co-sponsored by Holy Name of Jesus, Holy Redeemer, St. John Vianney, St. Sebastian and St. Pius X Parishes in conjunction with Holland Home. Meets at Holy Redeemer Parish, 2700 Baldwin Dr., Jenison.

Phone: Rhonda at (616) 669-9220, Ext. 1101

September 17 (10:00 AM and 2:00 PM) Dementia Series. Speaker: Spectrum Hospice representative. Topic: End of Life Care. The Dementia Series is a free

monthly community education program sponsored by Clark Retirement Community. Meets at 10:00 AM at Keller Lake at Windsor Cottage and at 2:00 PM at Clark Chapel at 1551 Franklin St. SE, Grand Rapids.

Contact: Chris Simons
Phone: (616) 452-1568

September 17 (1:30 – 2:30 PM) Caregiver Support Group. Groups for both caregivers of persons who have Alzheimer's or related dementias; and persons with early-stage dementia. Sponsored by Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services. Meets at Pine Rest, Mulder Center, 300 68th St. SE, Grand Rapids.

Contact: Nancy Cortney **Phone:** (616) 364-1500, Ext. 3677

September 17 (7:00 – 9:00 PM) Caregiver Support Group. Topic: A representative from the VA will answer questions about Veterans Services.

SarahCare offers a monthly community support group with free care for a loved one while the caregiver attends the group. Refreshments provided. This support group is held at: SarahCare Adult Day Center @ Metro Health Village (North of M-6 and Byron Road) at 2024 Health Drive, Suite B, Wyoming, MI 49519

Phone: (616) 530-6700

September 19 (1:30 PM) Caregiver Support Group. For caregivers of individuals who have Alzheimer's or related dementias. Co-sponsored by Alzheimer's Association and GR Home for Veterans. Meets at Grand Rapids Home for Veterans, 3000 Monroe Ave. NW, Grand Rapids.

Contact: Sue Marsh
Phone: (616) 243-5682

September 21 (11:30 AM – 1:00 PM) Confident Caregivers of West Michigan. Speaker: Cathy Brady of Pine Rest. Topic: Counseling and Mental Health Issues. Confident Caregivers of West Michigan is a monthly

support group for sharing needs, questions, answers and encouragement. Complimentary lunch provided. RSVP requested. Meets at Calvary Church Room 123, 777 East Beltline, Grand Rapids.

Contact: Regina Scovill
Phone: (616) 956-9377 ext. 3672

September 22 (7:00 – 9:00 PM) Support Group for Family & Friends of Aging Adults. Speaker: Cheryl Macon, Community Outreach Director for Hospice of Michigan. Topic: Hospice of Michigan's Documentary Film, "Except for Six." Note: An open forum style question and answer session is facilitated by Ron Rozema after each guest speaker session. Meet at Thornapple Evangelical Covenant Church, 6595 Cascade Rd. SE (NE corner

Cascade & Burton). **For Information:** Julie Griffin (616) 243-8116 or Ron Rozema (616) 222-4522

September 28 (10:00 – 11:30 AM) Caregiver Support Group. Topic: TBD. A support and education group for people who take care of a loved one. Offered by Mayflower Congregational Church and Holland Home. Meets at Mayflower Congregational Church, 2345 Robinson Rd. SE, Grand Rapids.
For information call: (616) 459-6255

September 28 (3:00 PM) Caregiver Support Group.

For caregivers of individuals who have Alzheimer's or related dementias. Co-sponsored by Alzheimer's Association and Family Life Center. Meets in the Side By Side Adult Day Program's conference room, 1256 Walker Ave. NW, Grand Rapids (respite available).

Contact: Judy Maxim **Phone:** (616) 235-2910, Ext.