

GEM Recognizes **WORLD ALZHEIMER'S DAY**, September 21, 2021

The theme for September 21st, World Alzheimers Day, is “Dementia Friendly Day.” We believe that the GEM Family and all Dare County residents will continue to support those living with dementia and ensure they are welcomed and included.

GEM will persist in sharing our Mission – “GEM Adult Day Services, Inc. is a non-profit locally-based program that is working throughout Dare & Currituck Counties to alter the impact of dementia. The organization’s goal is to advocate awareness and endeavor to change attitudes and behaviors with a primary emphasis on promoting best practices for training, education and care.”

GEM will work with community organizations as a leader in providing dementia specific programming for people living with the disease and their caregivers, as we have since 1996.

GEM will encourage our community to remove the stigma of a diagnosis one story at a time and increase awareness about Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias to show that people can live full and meaningful lives with this fatal disease.

As a community we can alter stigma by raising awareness and sharing stories. Together we can help residents currently diagnosed with the disease, and their caregivers, feel heard, respected, and included.

GEM offers free on-going educational classes about person centered care and invites you to join us as a volunteer. For information about GEM and our programs call our Executive Director, Gail Sonnesso at 252-480-3354 or visit our webpage

www.gemdayservices.org