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The Richard Simon Center receives \$15,000 grant

The Richard Simon Center for Alzheimer's, which was established at Seashore Gardens Living Center in 2005, recently was awarded a \$15,000 grant from the Foundation of the Jewish Federation of Atlantic and Cape May Counties.

Since its inception, the Richard Simon Center has provided support and educational resources to seniors, caregivers, and health care professionals affected by Alzheimer's disease. Last year The Richard Simon Center teamed up with Jewish Family Service to expand its outreach and enable more families to utilize counseling and supportive services free of charge.

Because of the Foundation's generosity, The Richard Simon Center for Alzheimer's can not only resume as a vital resource outlet, but also continue its collaboration with Jewish Family Service to meet the growing needs of the community. Combined efforts will provide ongoing clinical assessments to seniors with Alzheimer's, counseling to caregivers, home visits for cognitive screenings, referrals to professionals specializing in Alzheimer's disease, and educational seminars for the community's benefit.

"We are pleased to coordinate with Jewish Family Service in order to broaden our services, and increase the number of families they benefit," said Jan Golembiski, certified Dementia Practitioner, social worker, and coordinator for The Richard Simon Center for Alzheimer's. "Our goal is to provide those confronted by Alzheimer's with the resources needed to confidently manage the disease. In less than two years, we have helped over 100 families.

But with 10,000 people affected by Alzheimer's in Atlantic County alone, our services are more crucial than ever."

Additional programs offered by The Richard Simon Center include monthly support groups for families, Senior Safety Watch which records an emergency contact plan and profile that local police departments can utilize for missing seniors, Brain Fitness seminars for maintaining cognitive health, and qualifying Certified Dementia Practitioner seminars for health care professionals. For more information about The Richard Simon Center for Alzheimer's, call 748-4618 or visit www.RichardSimonCenter.org.



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