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APA Member is recognized as Certified Dementia Practitioner of the Year!

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Congratulations to Cameo Rogers, APA Member and former APA President on her recent recognition as the 2017 Certified Dementia Practitioner of the Year. Cameo did the summer workshop for the APA in 2017 and presented great information and techniques for working with people with Dementia. The APA is so proud of her for this well deserved honor and distinction.

Here is the article from www.nccdp.org

2017 Certified Dementia Practitioner CDP Of The Year.

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The CDP of the Year program has provided individual recognition of those whose outstanding efforts have enabled the nominee to meet the challenging standards of dementia care. Rogers was selected by her peers who provided numerous examples of her dedication, passion and transcendent delivery of the NCCDP Alzheimer's Disease Dementia Care (ADDC) curriculum. "Cameo is an amazing teacher," says Mindy Zuhairi, DON for Sumner Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation in Lincoln, NE. "She is an empathetic leader" who "motivates others."

Rogers received her Bachelor's Degree in Therapeutic Recreation and Corporate Wellness from Northwest Missouri State University and is currently working on her thesis for her Master's Degree in Social Gerontology from the University of Nebraska. Cameo Rogers began her career at Brookestone Village, in Omaha, NE in 2007. She was promoted to life enrichment coordinator for Vetter Health Services in Elkhorn, NE in 2009. Cameo Rogers is a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist (CTRS) a Certified Dementia Practitioner (CDP), a Certified Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Care Trainer (CADDCT) and Certified Dementia Care Manager (CDCM). She has served as vice president of the Activity Professionals Association of Omaha in 2012, and was elected president of the Association in 2013.

Exemplary credentials aside, Cameo Rogers is - more importantly - a beloved caregiver with an esteemed reputation. Cindy Sorensen, SSD for Cloverlodge Care Center in St. Edward, NE, tells us that Cameo Rogers' keen perception enabled her to help a resident who was a serious "elopement risk." "One of the things that became very clear as a result of Cameo's help," says Sorensen, is that the resident was mimicking the actions of the staff when they were leaving work for the evening. Thanks to Cameo Rogers' observation, they were able to avert this elopement risk. She also found out that this resident loved to dance and "was able to encourage" the resident and "one of her sons to dance," she notes. This resident's "family still gets teary-eyed when they talk about the experience."

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vice president of professional development for the NHCA, tells us that "professionals from other states have driven to the workshops after hearing about Cameo's presentations." Since 2013, over "275 individuals who work in Nebraska nursing and assisted living facilities" have attended these seminars.

Currently, Cameo Rogers has helped implement the Buddies Forever program that seeks to better the long term living environment for residents through an individualized approach. Larry P. Van Hunnik, administrator of Sumner Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation, tells us that "Sumner Place has had an amazing transformation in both our memory care and long term care staff." 75% of this transformation has come from Rogers' "wise council."

Cameo Rogers' excellence in dementia care has undoubtedly inspired colleagues and residents alike. We are proud to recognize her stellar achievement. Keep up the good work!



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