

Brookfield resident Jackie Raschke, certified dementia practitioner, to its staff of aging-care professionals.

As Director of Education and Memory Care Services, Raschke will share her knowledge and years of hands-on experience with Home Helpers caregivers, their clients, and family caregivers throughout the community.

A dementia care expert certified by the <u>National Council of Certified Dementia</u>

<u>Practitioners</u>, Raschke holds a degree in sociology and gerontology from

Northern Illinois University and has managed memory care programs at assisted living communities and nursing homes throughout the area. She has 20 years of experience working with older adults, their families, and those who care for them.

In her new role, Raschke is directly involved in the hiring and training Home Helpers caregivers, as well as developing individualized care plans for clients with dementia. She plans to launch an updated training program that will empower Home Helpers caregivers, as well as clients' families, with important skills related to dementia care, and Home Helpers looks forward to extending this new program to family caregivers throughout the community. In addition, Home Helpers plans to offer an Alzheimer's support group under Raschke's leadership.

Raschke also provides hands-on support to Home Helpers caregivers as they provide care in clients' homes. As caregivers and families take on the everchanging challenges of dementia care, Home Helpers now has a dementia care expert there to help.

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"Jackie is a valuable addition to our staff. Her expertise and understanding of dementia will benefit our clients, their families, our caregivers and the entire community," said Mary Doepke, RN, co-owner of Home Helpers Home Care of Hinsdale.

"Jackie is passionate in her commitment to enhancing the quality of life for people with dementia," Mary said. "Her depth of knowledge will prove to be an invaluable tool for our company and the families we serve."

Mike and Mary Doepke of Western Springs founded Home Helpers of Hinsdale in 2005 and remain dedicated to providing the highest-quality care and service to their clients. Headquartered in Hinsdale, the state-licensed company provides a wide variety of services, including companionship, personal care, household chores and transportation, to clients in Lyons Township and eastern DuPage County. The company is proud to maintain the Home Care Standards Bureau's A+ rating for providing the very best in care. (630) 323-7231; www.MaryandMikeCare.com

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