

Residence at Shelburne Bay Senior Living Community invests in elite staff accreditation

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According to the World Health Organization, 47.5 million people are living with dementia, with a new case being diagnosed every 4 seconds. The number of individuals is projected to increase to 75.6 million by 2030 and will triple by 2050. Motivated by those statistics, The Residence at Shelburne Bay, located at 185 Pine Haven Shores Rd. in Shelburne, has taken exceptional action to support those affected by Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia.

The Residence at Shelburne Bay, an independent, assisted and memory care living community accredits their front line care and programming associates as Certified Dementia Practitioners (CDP). This extensive training is completed through the National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners, the worldwide leader in dementia education and certification for healthcare professionals, enhancing the knowledge, skills and practice of its care team.

Dan Daly, Executive Director of the community said, "Memory loss is very prevalent in the aging process. We knew it was essential that our team be specially trained to support those residents with memory loss. We are able to provide the industry's best research based programming, non-pharmacological lifestyle interventions and focused care to promote healthy aging, potentially slowdown memory loss and increase the overall well-being of our residents."

Bianka LeGrand, CDP, serves as Reflections Memory Care Director. Ms. LeGrand said, "I am thrilled to lead our Reflections Memory Care neighborhood for individuals with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. Our programming is focused on providing a full day of purposeful and structured programming in a safe and failure-free environment. Our neighborhood offers private apartments along with ample common space, large secure outdoor courtyard and myriad engagement opportunities tailored to the specific needs of our residents."

The community hosts complimentary Alzheimer's Foundation of America memory screenings the second Tuesday of every month from 10am to 6pm. The next two dates are August 9 and September 13. These are open to the public and are a simple, safe and confidential evaluation tool that checks memory and other thinking skills. Memory screenings can be useful for anyone concerned about memory loss whose family and friends have noticed changes in them or believe they are at risk due to family