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MEMORANDUM

- TO: Executive Directors Finance Directors Area Agencies on Aging
- **FROM:** Solomon Girmay, Senior External Financial Auditor
- **DATE:** March 30, 2010

SUBJECT: Survey

We are requesting each area agency on aging to complete the attached survey and submit by e-mail to <u>Solomon.girmay@vda.virginia.gov</u> by Friday April 2nd.

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Please respond by Friday April 2nd

We are working on the applicability of unemployment tax to non-profit and local government agencies. Please fill out the following questions.

geno	y Name
1.	Does your agency pay Federal Unemployment Tax (FUTA tax)?
	If your answer to question No. 1 is "Yes", please state your reason
2	Does your agency pay State Unemployment Tax (SUTA tax)?
۷.	\Box Yes \Box No
	If your answer to question No. 2 is "No", please state your reason
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	Is your agency paying FUTA/SUTA tax on earnings paid to Title V participants
	\Box Yes \Box No

If your answer to question No. 3 is "Yes", please state your reason

Note: Please respond by e-mail to <u>Solomon.girmay@vda.virginia.gov</u> If you have any question please call Solomon Girmay 804-662-9347



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MEMORANDUM

- TO: Executive Directors Area Agencies on Aging
- FROM: Ellen Nau, Human Services Program Coordinator
- **DATE:** March 30, 2010
- **SUBJECT:** Caregiver Information

Virginia Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired

Jane Ward-Solomon, Program Director for Teaching, Rehabilitation/Independent Living, at the Virginia Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired (DBVI) announces that the agency's Older Blind Grant Program (OBG) offers many free teaching services for seniors age 55 and older with vision loss to help them learn to maintain their independence, and to enable enhanced communication options. Individuals must be age 55 or older, and have a distance vision loss greater than 20/70 with best correction, verified by a recent eye exam report. Professional and informal caregivers as well as older individuals can contact the grant program by calling 800-622-2155. Basic demographic information on the client will be collected at this time. Clients will be connected to one of DBVI's six regional offices. A home visit will be scheduled with a vision rehabilitation professional and the client will be evaluated to determine how DBVI can help maintain the client's independence. Jane Ward-Solomon can be reached at 804 371-3112 or Jane.Ward @dbvi.virginia.gov.

ASK Medicare Newsletter for Caregivers

The March edition of the newsletter is now available at <u>www.cms.hhs.gov/MyHealthMyMedicare/downloads/AskMedicare_Mar2010.pdf</u> Topics discussed in the newsletter include: kidney disease education; managing stress, and planning for long-term care.

Announcement from the Rosalyn Carter Institute

Mattie J. T. Stepanek Caregiving Scholarship

Caregivers are often viewed as expendable resources in systems of care. As a result, many caregivers are overlooked, ill-prepared and will ultimately burn-out. The Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregiving promotes the view that family, professional, and paraprofessional caregivers are the most valuable asset in any system of care, and they should be cultivated, preserved, developed, and valued.

The purpose of the Mattie J. T. Stepanek Caregiving Scholarship is to provide financial assistance to family, professional, or paraprofessional caregivers of any age who are seeking training or education in specific skills, procedures and strategies that lead to more effective care at the same time that they serve to protect the health and well-being of the caregiver.

Four \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded. Deadline for application is **June 1, 2010**. For more details and to download the application form, click <u>HERE</u>

Rosalynn Carter Leadership in Caregiving Award

Named in honor of a great humanitarian, the Rosalynn Carter Leadership in Caregiving Award is the highest award given in the caregiving field. This award recognizes leadership in implementing innovative partnerships between community agencies and caregiving researchers that bridge the gap between science and practice. These partnerships help move effective caregiver support programs to widespread use in the community more quickly and efficiently.

The award winning team will be announced at the RCI's National Summit to be held October 20 - 22, 2010 at Georgia Southwestern State University in Americus, Georgia. In addition to a beautiful statuette executed by renowned sculptor Frank Eliscu, designer of the Heisman Trophy, former First Lady Rosalynn Carter will present the team with a cash award of \$20,000. This special cash award is to support the team's efforts in implementing effective caregiver interventions at the community level.

Application deadline is **July 1, 2010**. For more information and to download the application form, click <u>HERE</u>

United Hospital Fund – New Guide on Caregiver Self-Identification

Carol Levine, Director, Families and Health Care Project of the United Hospital Fund notes the reluctance of caregivers to self-identify and announces the United Hospital Fund's new guide, "The First Step in Care: Becoming a Family Caregiver" on the Next Step in Care website – <u>www.nextstepincare.org</u>. The guide can be downloaded in English, Spanish, Chinese, and Russian.

Emblem Health and the National Alliance for Caregiving – Care for the Family Caregiver: A Place to Start

Emblem Health and the National Alliance for Caregiving have updated their popular resource booklet, *Care for the Family Caregiver: A Place to Start*. The booklet is designed to give you an overview of the basic aspects and issues involved in caregiving and is available for download at <u>www.caregiving.org</u>.

National Lifespan Respite Funding

The Administration on Aging should be issuing a RFP for funding during the first full week of April. A press release and enews will announce the RFP.

Prince William Area Agency on Aging – 17th Annual Caregiver's Conference

Courtney Tierney, Executive Director of the Prince William Area Agency on Aging reminds us of the agency's April 24, 2010 Caregiver Conference, *Caregiver's Toolkit: Becoming Empowered.* The conference will be held at Westminster at Lake Ridge and start at 8:30 A.M. Registration is due April 16, 2010. The fee of \$25.00 includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Attached to this email is the conference agenda, registration and other information.

Alzheimer's Conference – Virginia Beach

Kathleen B. O'Connor, M.P.A., City of Virginia Beach/DHS/MHSA, Administrative Supervisor, Senior Adult Services, Coordinator, Southside Geropsychiatric Services announces that an Alzheimer's Conference will be held on Friday, May 7, 2010 at 8:00 A.M. at Virginia Beach Oceanfront. Entitled Living with *Alzheimer's Disease: You are Not Alone*, the workshop is geared to family caregivers and clergy. A \$10.00 fee will cover lunch and materials. Registration is due by April 26, 2010. For further information, please see the attachment to this email.

Who Should Attend

Family and Professional Caregivers Professionals in aging and related areas Volunteers working with older adults



Sponsors Gold Westminster at Lake Ridge

Silver BestCare Home Care, Inc. Birmingham Green Evercare Hospice & Palliative Care Potomac Place Prince William Area Agency on Aging

Contact the Prince William Area Agency on Aging at 703-792-6374 for additional information.

Caregiver Conference Committee Members: Lorraine Eckhardt, Chair

Tina Addo Kathleen Harding Karen Turchiano

Jennifer BollesStuart EvansMarilyn PietrieEmily RubsamenBarbara WattsTom Weaver

Agenda

8:

30a - 9: <mark>0</mark> 0a	Registration, Visit Vendor Expo	Caregivers Toolkit:
00a - 9:15a	Welcome Lorraine Eckhardt, MSW Chairperson Caregivers' Conference Committee Prince William Area Agency on Aging	"Becoming Empowered" April 24, 2010 Registration & payment by April 16, 2010
15a - 10:15a	"Caregiving: A Life Deferred" - Dr. Richard W. Lindsay	Fee: \$25 per person/\$40 per couple (includes continental breakfast and lunch)
:15a - 11:00a	"How to be a Terrific Tea Bag - Finding Yourself in Hot Water and Loving It!" - Vicki Graham	Name:
1:00a - 11:15a	Break, Visit Vendor Expo	Agency:
:15a - 12:00p	"Connections: A Unique Approach to Engagement in Meaningful Activities for Persons Diagnosed with Dementia" - Ellen Phipps	Address:
<mark>::00</mark> p - 12:45p	Lunch	City:State:Zip:
::45 p - 2:15p	Interactive focused presentations by community experts who will address specific caregiver issues featuring:	Home Telephone:
	Elder Law: Mark Christopher, Esq. Universal Design: Robert Dale Lynch, FAIA	Work Telephone:
15p - 2:30p	Break, Visit Vendor Expo	Email:
30p - 3:15p	Expert Panel continues with Morning speakers present for questions	Free respite care required
15p - 3:45p	Relaxation Techniques and Coping Strategies - Barbara Watts, R.N.,CHPN	Vegetarian meal required
45p - 4:00p	Evaluation & Adjourn	Make Checks Payable to:
00p - 4:30p	Visit Vendor Expo	Prince William A A A Mail Payment and Registration Form to: Prince William Area Agency on Aging 13850 Church Hill Drive Woodbridge, VA 22191 attn: Lorraine Eckhardt

Registration

Directions To Westminster at Lake Ridge:

From Interstate 66: Take exit number 53, Route 28 Centreville-South/Dulles-North. Follow signs toward South/Centreville and Manassas. Remain on Route 28/South for about 6 to 7 miles then turn left onto Liberia Avenue. Follow Liberia Avenue for 2 miles to the Prince William Parkway. Turn left on to the Parkway. Follow Parkway 8.5 miles to Old Bridge Road. The Parkway veers to the right but you must stay straight to go onto Old Bridge Road. Follow Old Bridge Road 3.7 miles to Clipper Drive. Turn left on to Clipper Drive. Follow the entrance of Westminster at Lake Ridge.



From Interstate 95: Take exit number 160, VA-123 N toward Occoquan/Lake Ridge. Follow on to VA-123 N/Gordon Boulevard. Follow .1 of a mile to Old Bridge Road. Turn left on to Old Bridge Road. Follow 1.2 miles to Clipper Drive. Turn right on to Clipper Drive. Follow to the entrance of Westminster at Lake Ridge.

Prince William Area Agency on Aging Caregivers' Conference Committee 13850 Church Hill Drive Woodbridge, VA 22191



17th Annual Caregivers' Conference Caregiver's Toolkit:

"Becoming Empowered"

Saturday, April 24, 2010 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.





12191 Clipper Drive Lake Ridge, Virginia 22192 Phone: 703-496-3446



LIVING WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE: You Are NOT Alone Friday, May 7, 2010 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

CLERGY AND CHURCH LEADER

Registration Information (\$10:00 Includes lunch and materials)

Name	
Email	
Evening Phone	
Address	
City	

CEU Information for Clergy:



for Clergy: A three hour pre-conference work study is required for CEU's. When you return your registration information you will receive the book, "You Are One of Us" by Lisa P. Gwyther and a work study book that must be completed prior to the Conference. Upon completion of this work study and conference

attendance, you will be given a certificate for 8 contact hours from The Virginia United Methodist Conference of the United Methodist Church. **Contact Rev. Art Woltz, 757-340-5015,** wolz@verizon.net, for further information.

Make checks payable to "VBUMC." and return this form with your \$10.00 registration fee to: Virginia Beach United Methodist Church 212 Nineteenth Street, Virginia Beach, VA 23451 Attn: Alzheimer's Conference

CLERGY SESSION 1

"Living with Alzherimer's Disease: The Role of the Faith Community.

Features a panel of family caregivers and care receivers, clergy and professionals all with a personal story to share.

CLERGY SESSION 2

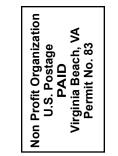
Strategies for Ministry and Mobilization of the Faith Community.

- Starter Ideas
- Minister's Tool Box
- Task Force

CHURCH LEADERS:

- Clergy sessions are open to church leaders.
- Church leaders may choose to attend caregiver sessions.

Alzheimer's Conference Virginia Beach United Methodist Church 212 Nineteenth Street, Virginia Beach, VA 23451





You Are NOT Alone



FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2010 Virginia Beach Oceanfront

"Two are better off than one... If one of them falls down, the other can help him up."

Good News Bible, Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE Friday, May 7, 2010

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Registration	8:00-8:45 AM	
Continental Breakfast	8:00-8:45 AM	
Welcome	8:45-9:00 AM	
Keynote Address	.9:00-10:00 AM	
Break	10:00-10:15 AM	

- Caregivers Workshops 10:15-11:45 AM Workshops 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5
- Clery/Pastoral Care 10:15-11:15 AM Session 1
- Caregiver Lunch NOON-12:45
- Clergy Lunch...... 11:45-12:30 PM
- Caregivers Workshops 12:30-1:45 PM Workshops 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 Clergy/Pastoral Care 12:45-1:45PM Session 2

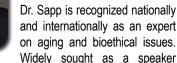
Call to Action Presentation, **Dedication of Prayer Shawls** for Care Receivers 2:00-3:00 PM

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Conference Sponsors: Alzheimer's Association Southeastern Virginia Chapter Virginia Beach United Methodist Church and the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church Virginia Beach Dept. of Human Services Virginia Wesleyan College



Professor and Chair of Religious Studies at the University of Miami; author of When Alzheimer's Disease Strikes!



on aging issues, Dr. Sapp is an ordained Presbyterian minister and the author of numerous books and publications including When Alzheimer's Disease Strikes. He was the recipient of the 2002 American Society of Aging Award in recognition of his contributions to the field of gerontology. His research interests include ethical issues in Alzheimer's Disease, the role of religion and spirituality in aging and end-of-life care.



WAYS TO REGISTER

- Complete this form and return it with your check.
- Download additional registration forms at www.vbumc.org, return completed forms with payment.

Registration Deadlines: Clergy with CEU Request - April 12th All others - April 26th

For more information contact Janice Cagle, 757-428-7727 or jcagle@vbumc.org.

CAREGIVER WORKSHOPS

Workshops begin at 10:15 AM or 12:30 PM Two workshop opportunities are available for participants; one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Workshops are interactive and allow time for questions and answers.

- Behavior Management
- Speaker: Sonya Barsness, MSG Assists various organizations, including AASV, in programming for seniors and those with dementia and promotes awareness of the special needs of those in the early stages of dementia-related illness.
- Caregiver Empowerment Speakers: Patricia Lacey, MBA; Douglas Panto, Alzheimer's Assoc., Southeast Virginia Chapter
- Late Stage Care Speaker: Wendi Steinberg, MPS, M.Div., BCC Adjunct Faculty: VA Commonweath University, Richmond, VA
- Spiritual Focus

Speaker: Rev. Cvnthia Duarte - After participating as a family caregiver for her mother who had Alzheimer's disease, Cynthia wrote, "Yet, I Will Love Thee," a compilation of caregiving stories focusing on the underlying spiritual lessons she learned in that role.

• Where To, When To, How to Get Help Speaker: Carole M. Gurioli, M. Ed., Family Services Specialist, Alzhemer's Association Southeast Virginia Chapter

During lunch and breaks, participants will have the opportunity to gather additional materials from vendors.

LIVING WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE: You Are NOT Alone Friday, May 7, 2010 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM Registration Deadline: April 26th

CAREGIVER Registration Information

(\$10:00 Includes lunch and materials)

Name		
Email		
Day Phone		
Evening Phone		
Address		
City	71P	

• Please choose one workshop from each session - indicate 1st and 2nd choice:

SESSION 1 Workshops 10:15 to 11:30 AM

- 1st 2nd Choice
- Behavior Management
- Caregiver Empowerment
- **I** Late Stage Care
- **D** Spiritual Focus
- Where To, When To, How To Get Help

SESSION 2 WORKSHOPS 12:30 to 1:45 PM

- 1st 2nd Choice
- **D** Behavior Management, or
- **D** Caregiver Empowerment, or
- **I** Late Stage Care
- Spiritual Focus, or
- Where To, When To, How To Get Help

LUNCH CHOICE Regular or Vegetarian

Check enclosed with registration form.

Space is limited. Early registrations encouraged.

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