

HOW DO I TAKE CARE OF MYSELF?

After placing your loved one in Memory Care, your job as a family caregiver doesn't end. It now simply shifts. The 24/7, physical care of your loved one no longer burdens you, but you're now the historian for them. That makes you an important part of our American House caregiving team. Not only do you need to care for yourself to benefit your loved one, but more importantly for you.

It's necessary to take a break, spend time with friends and just be. This ensures that your well-being is top of mind. A few ways in which you can care for

yourself include seeking support from others, taking care of your health so you can be there for your loved one, accepting offers of help from others and, most importantly, giving yourself credit for what you're doing.

You're doing an incredible job navigating a process that none of us have control over. Remember, we're all in this together. If you're having difficulty caring for yourself, please don't hesitate to reach out to any member of our team to help you through tough times!



DEMENTIA is an overall term for a particular group of symptoms. Dementia symptoms include:

Trouble with memory, language and problem-solving

Difficulty concentrating

Struggling to understand and express thoughts

Other symptoms are confusion, poor judgment and acting impulsively, among others. Dementia symptoms are the result of changes in the brain.

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE is one cause of dementia symptoms. The brain changes of Alzheimer's disease include:

The excessive accumulation of the protein fragment beta-amyloid and of an abnormal form of the protein tau

Inflammation of the brain and decreased ability of the brain to use glucose, its main fuel

When imaging studies, cerebrospinal fluid analysis or other tests show that the brain changes are caused by Alzheimer's disease, individuals are said to have dementia due to Alzheimer's disease.



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QUICK LINKS

ALZ.org alzheimers.gov alzfdn.org

nia.nih.gov/health/alzheimers-and-dementia

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BOYNTON BEACH OCTOBER 2025

HIDING OR HOARDING THINGS

A person with dementia may hide or hoard things as a way of having some control of their situation. They may also feel a need to stockpile items.

Residents may hide common objects in a variety of areas, including their wheelchair seat, under their blanket, in their closet or drawers, or in someone else's room. Your loved one may become upset when confronted with missing items. But it's important to note there may be truth in what the person is saying and you don't want to dismiss it because they have dementia.

What you can do to help includes keeping items in places where the resident is used to them being. If the resident is taking food items, explain the possibilities of establishing a safe, sealed container to take and keep acceptable food items in. Approach the person calmly and in a private setting to retrieve "lost" items. You may also want to consider providing an excess of some objects that provide a particular satisfaction—such as washcloths, socks and handkerchiefs.

LOW TOLERANCE FOR CONTACT

A low acceptance for physical contact can manifest in various ways and is a result of the changes dementia causes in the brain's ability to process sensory information.

When a resident becomes uncomfortable, they may avert their eyes from contact or turn and walk away from a staff member who may be trying to interact with them. A change in a resident's body posture, such as folded arms, rigid torso, furrowed brow or pursed lips are clear signals the resident is uncomfortable.

It's best to use an even-voice and calm approach when speaking with the resident. Slow speech and movements during invitations and greetings should also be used. And it's important to subtly model your own facial expressions or postures to help and encourage

the resident to relax. By observing positive interactions, you can repeat your successful interactions with your loved one.



OCTOBER 2025 EVENTS

- Pet Therapy 10/4
- LIVE Neopolitan Music 10/7
- Family Night 10/9
- Birthday Celebration 10/15
- LIVE Island Music 10/22

- LIVE Music w/ the Oldies-10/22
- Fitness Mondays with Debbie
- Walt Whitman Wednesdays
- Shabbat Fridays
- Mass Sundays

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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	OC	CTOBER 20	25		AR Activity Room CY Courtyard DR Dining Room FAM Family Room FIT Fitness Center FSR Four Seas GR Game Ro LIB Library MCD Memory MCD Memory MLB Memory	om SPA Spa THR Theatre Care Dining Room
	BIRTHDAYS		OI	O2 YOM KIPPUR	03	04
Carole R. 10/16			1:00p Scrabble Competition! MCA 2:00p Fall Cookie Decorating! MCB 3:00p Tea Time in the Courtyard MCC 4:00p Drum Circle MCC	10:30a Courtyard Stroll MCC 11:00a Brain Games MCC 1:00p Board Games MCA 2:00p Hidden Talent Show! MCA 3:00p Puzzle Time MCA 4:00p Meditation/Aromatherapy MLB	4:00p Shabbat Service MLB	10:00a Fun with Fitness MCA 10:30a Courtyard Stroll MCC 11:00a Singalong Saturday! MLB 1:00p BONAFIDE Therapy Dogs! MCC 2:00p Musical BINGO MCA 3:00p Musical Documentary MCA 4:00p Balloon Toss MCA 6:00p Sat. Night at the Movies MCA
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
11:00a Fun in the Sun! 1:00p JENGA! 2:00p Prestige Puzzles 3:00p Newsies LIVE!	CA 10:15a Fitness with DEBBIE! MCA 11:00a WordPlay MCA 1:00p Meditation Monday Ice Cream Outing! OUT CA 4:00p Travelogue to TAHIT! MCA 6:30p Snack and Chat MCD	10:30a AH Gardening Club 11:00a Current Events MLB 1:00p Patriotic and Proud! MCA 2:00p LIVE MUSIC! MCA	10:30a Courtyard Stroll MCC 11:00a Culinary Pictionary MCA 1:00p Scrabble Competition! MCA 2:00p Brownie Baking! MCA 3:00p Tea Time in the Courtyard MCC 4:00p Drum Circle MCC	11:00a Brain Games MCC 1:00p Puzzle Time MCA 2:00p Hidden Talent Show! MCA 3:00p Putting Green MCA 4:00p Meditation/Aromatherapy MLB	10:00a Aerobicize MCA 10:30a AH Gardening Club 11:00a Current Events MLB 1:00p WordPlay MCA 2:00p Sports Center! MCA 3:00p HAPPY HOUR! FAM 4:00p Shabbat Service MLB 6:30p Snack and Chat MCD	10:00a Fun with Fitness MCA 10:30a Courtyard Stroll MCC 11:00a Singalong Saturday! MLB 1:00p Board Games MCA 2:00p Musical BINGO MCA 3:00p Musical Documentary MCA 4:00p Balloon Toss MCA 6:00p Sat. Night at the Movies MCA
12	13 INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY	14	15	16	17	18
11:00a Fun in the Sun! 1:00p Hole in One 2:00p Balloon Toss 3:00p Oklahoma! LIVE!	CA 10:15a Fitness with DEBBIE! MCA 11:00a WordPlay MCA 1:00p Meditation Monday MLB CA 2:00p Scenic Ride OUT CA 4:00p Travelogue-THE ALPS! MCA CD 6:30p Snack and Chat MCD	10:30a AH Gardening Club 11:00a Current Events 1:00p Patriotic and Proud! 2:00p The Artist's Corner MCA	10:30a Courtyard Stroll 11:00a Culinary Pictionary 1:00p Scrabble Competition! 2:00p Fall Cookie Decorating! 3:00p Birthday Celebration 4:00p Drum Circle MCC MCA MCA MCA MCA MCA	11:00a Brain Games MCC 1:00p Putting Green MCA 2:00p Sports Center! MCA 3:00p Puzzle Time MCA 4:00p Meditation/Aromatherapy MLB	1:00p WordPlay MCA 2:00p Board Games MCA	10:00a Fun with Fitness MCA 10:30a Courtyard Stroll MCC 11:00a Singalong Saturday! MLB 1:00p Hole in One MCA 2:00p Musical BINGO MCA 3:00p Musical Documentary MCA 4:00p Balloon Toss MCA 6:00p Sat. Night at the Movies MCA
19	20	21 DIWALI	22	23	24	25
11:00a Fun in the Sun! 1:00p Board Games 2:00p Balloon Toss 3:00p Little Women LIVE!	CA 10:15a Fitness with DEBBIE! MCA 11:00a WordPlay MCA 1:00p Meditation Monday A:00p Ice Cream Outing! OUT CA 4:00p Travelogue to GREECE! MCA 6:30p Snack and Chat MCD	10:30a AH Gardening Club 11:00a Current Events MLB 1:00p Patriotic and Proud! MCA 2:00p The Artist's Corner MCA	10:30a Courtyard Stroll 11:00a Culinary Pictionary 1:00p Scrabble Competition! 2:00p LIVE MUSIC! 3:00p Cookie Decorating! 4:00p Balloon Toss 6:00p Walt Whitman Weds. MCC MCA MCA MCA MCA MCA MCA MCA MCA MC	11:00a Brain Games MCC 1:00p Board Games MCA 2:00p Sports Center! MCA 3:00p Puzzle Time MCA 4:00p Meditation/Aromatherapy MLB	10:00a Aerobicize MCA 10:30a AH Gardening Club MCC 11:00a Current Events MLB 1:00p WordPlay MCA 2:00p The Creative Palette 3:00p HAPPY HOUR! FAM 4:00p Shabbat Service MLB 6:30p Snack and Chat MCD	10:00a Fun with Fitness MCA 10:30a Courtyard Stroll MCC 11:00a Singalong Saturday! MLB 1:00p Board Games MCA 2:00p Musical BINGO MCA 3:00p Musical Documentary MCA 4:00p JENGA! MCA 6:00p Sat. Night at the Movies MCA
26	27	28	29	30	31 HALLOWEEN	
11:00a Fun in the Sun! 1:00p Balloon Toss 2:00p Fall Puzzles! 3:00p Holiday Inn LIVE!	CA 10:15a Fitness with DEBBIE! MCA 11:00a WordPlay MCA 1:00p Meditation Monday MLB CA 2:00p Scenic Beach Ride! OUT AH! MCA 6:30p Snack and Chat MCD	10:30a AH Gardening Club 11:00a Current Events MLB 1:00p Patriotic and Proud! MCA 2:00p The Artist's Corner MCA	10:30aCourtyard StrollMCC11:00aCulinary PictionaryMCA1:00pScrabble Competition!MCA2:00pLIVE MUSIC!MCA3:00pTea Time in the Courtyard MCC4:00pDrum CircleMCC	11:00a Brain Games MCC 1:00p Putting Green MCC 2:00p Hidden Talent Show! MCA 3:00p Puzzle Time MCA 4:00p Meditation/Aromatherapy MLB	10:00a Aerobicize MCA 10:30a AH Gardening Club MCC 11:00a Current Events MLB 1:00p WordPlay MCA 2:00p Spook Art! MCA 3:00p HALLOWEEN HH! MCC 4:00p Shabbat Service MLB 6:30p Snack and Chat MCD	

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