

Attention: Facilities Caring for our Friends with Alzheimer's

Join with me? Something old (storytelling),
Something new (circles of friends with Alzheimer's),
Something borrowed (poetry of masters)
And something blue (markers printing stories).

Making Tired Eyes Smile® offers your residents needing memory support a meaningful, adult activity. In a small group setting the residents begin where they are and combine their receding skills to create original stories and poems.

Making Tired Eyes Smile® is crafted by a volunteer for a volunteer. Everything a volunteer requires to implement this language arts system is a click away. The self-study tutorial leads the volunteer step by step in fostering the group's creativity. The themed lesson plans accompanied by learning aids guide the volunteer. Print a lesson plan, add a flip chart and the volunteer is ready to facilitate a circle of friends in a weekly half-hour of contribution and community.

Why would your facility choose *Making Tired Eyes Smile®*, a creative opening to expand the closing down world of seniors with Alzheimer's?

- gives visibility in your outreach to positively impact your residents
- states your support for the families wrestling with the disease
- demonstrates to your staff a commitment to soften the difficult care
- grants voice to the possibilities still residing within loved ones
- diminishes the stereotypic press images of the disease, Alzheimer's
- recycles for years without additional investment
- supports volunteerism in your community
- joins the vision of making circles of storytellers a national program

What are the results?

Making Tired Eyes Smile® sets out to expand the boundaries placed on the disease, Alzheimer's. The project wholly acknowledges seniors who are slipping into invisibility. It meets each sojourner where he/she is. There are no claims that this language arts system rebuilds/maintains skills. The system is one avenue to deliver the intangibles of respect, contribution, and creativity. It is a link to what these seniors did before Alzheimer's. It is an area in which they can still achieve and bask in the accomplishment.

Facility, facility, quite caring
How do your residents grow?
With smiling faces and laughing voices,
And beautiful words captured in a row.

What is your next step?

Visit AlzSmiles.com for the details. Bring new eyes to your vision for your care of our friends with Alzheimer's or dementia.