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Free Educational Program for Town and Community Employees *Alzheimer's Disease: What You Need To Know*

Hyannis, MA – Hope Dementia & Alzheimer's Services will host a free educational program on September 30, 2015 for Cape Cod town and community employees. This training program is designed to provide a basic understanding of how to work with individuals and families who have Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia.

The program topics include:

- Overview of Alzheimer's and its disease progression
- Why the disease changes communication
- Understanding difficult behaviors and how to manage them
- Identifying family stress, abuse and neglect and how to intervene

This program is funded by a grant from Cape Cod Healthcare Community Benefits. The training program has been approved by OEMS for six hours of continuing education.

“With one in nine over the age of 65 affected by Alzheimer's, it's vital that caregivers and medical professionals continually learn about the ever-changing field of Alzheimer's disease and dementia,” said David Rehm, president & CEO, HopeHealth. “This educational program is geared to help Cape Cod become more dementia friendly. We're grateful to Cape Cod Healthcare Community Benefits for their support of this initiative and hope to offer this program throughout our entire service area.”

Space is limited and priority attendance is given to nonprofit, police, fire, ambulance services and town employees on Cape Cod. It is being held on Wednesday, September 30 at the DoubleTree by Hilton, 287 Iyannough Road, Hyannis, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Due to overwhelming demand and need, registration is full, but there is a wait list for cancellations and a possible repeat session.

For more information, call (508) 775-5656 or visit HopeDementia.org.

About HopeHealth

HopeHealth, formerly known as Hospice & Palliative Care of Cape Cod, has been enhancing the quality of life for people experiencing serious illness and loss for more than 30 years. In January 2012, Alzheimer's Services of Cape Cod & the Islands affiliated with the non-profit organization to enhance and expand its programs and community services. Today, HopeHealth delivers a wide range of medical care, care management and support services throughout eastern Massachusetts. The HopeHealth family

of services includes: Hope Hospice; Hope HouseCalls; [Hope Dementia & Alzheimer's Services](#); Hope Care for Kids; Hope Community Care; and Hope Academy. In June 2014, the Massachusetts Pain Initiative affiliated with the organization. Learn more by calling (800) 642-2423 or visiting [HopeHealthCo.org](#).

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