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New Alzheimer's and Dementia Care Training Opportunities to be Offered on Long Island

(Ronkonkoma...) Day Haven Adult Day Services, an adult day care program serving frail older adults and individuals with Alzheimer's or a related dementia, has developed a Division of Training and Caregiver Support designed to expand and enhance its caregiver support services and training opportunities in the areas of Alzheimer's and dementia care and caregiving.

Day Haven has a long and committed history of providing high quality services in the community including support groups and dementia care trainings for family members and professionals in the field of aging. Select staff members in the new division are additionally approved by Dementia Care Professionals of America (DCPA), a division of the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, as Community DCPA Trainers, enabling Day Haven to provide DCPA's nationally-recognized training and qualification program for other professionals working in the field of dementia care. The purpose of the Community DCPA Training program is to encourage increased knowledge and care skills for professional caregivers, and further raise the bar on care for individuals with dementia.

Day Haven will be offering the training and qualification on Saturday, February 11, 2012. It is intended for all levels of care providers including nurses, physicians, physical therapists, social workers, Alzheimer's program administrators and staff, nursing home and assisted living staff, and home health aides and companions working in the home.

"The growing incidence of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias in the population means an increased need for highly trained caregivers at all levels of care. With our Community DCPA Trainers we hope to have an impact on the quality of care provided to this vulnerable population on Long Island," explains Elizabeth A. Geary, Director of Day Haven Adult Day Services.

Attendees of the training will be provided with a basic understanding of dementia, knowledge about managing activities of daily living, the causes and best approaches to behavioral problems, and the basic principles of care. A passing grade on the qualifying exam will entitle attendees to status as an AFA Qualified Dementia Care Provider and membership in DCPA. Currently, DCPA has more than 5,500 members in the United States and several countries.

For more information about the training and qualification opportunity or Day Haven's Division of Training and Caregiver Support, contact Julie Wexler, (631) 585-2020, ext. 260.

About Day Haven

Day Haven Adult Day Services is a social model adult day care program with centers in Port Jefferson and Ronkonkoma, NY, offering day time care and therapeutic recreation for frail older adults and those with Alzheimer's or a related dementia. Day Haven also provides an array of supportive services for families and professionals including caregiver support groups and educational events.

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