



FAMILY SERVICE OF GLENCOE AND VILLAGE OF GLENCOE

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VILLAGE OF GLENCOE WELCOMED TO DEMENTIA FRIENDLY AMERICA

(Glencoe, Illinois) — July 26, 2019 — Earlier in July, Family Service of Glencoe (FSG) and the Village of Glencoe received great news; an official acceptance and welcome as the sixth Illinois community to be considered a Dementia Friendly Community.

The news comes as FSG and the Village officially begin promoting the newly launched Dementia Friendly Glencoe Initiative. Through the initiative, FSG and the Village aim to provide community-wide education, awareness and mindfulness around dementia to allow individuals impacted by the disease to continue their engagement in community life, independence and to add their quality-of-life. Through this initiative, the Village of Glencoe and FSG's vision is to decrease stigma and reduce isolation by creating a more welcoming and inclusive culture and by providing support for those navigating this complex journey, including individuals diagnosed with dementia, care partners and community members.

The Dementia Friendly Glencoe initiative aligns with the Welcoming and Inclusive Community pledge adopted by the Village Board and by other sister organizations, which supports the community's diversity and emphasizes that all are welcome and included in the community.

All Village, Public Works and Public Safety team members will receive a training and certification to become "Dementia Friends" enabling these vital community employees to be better able to interact with and support those in our community with the disease. Later in 2019, in partnership with Loyola University, a memory café, a safe and fun place where those with dementia and their care partners can play games and engage in educational activities, will be established.

This initiative will span across the entire community thanks to the support of the Village of Glencoe, Family Service of Glencoe, District 35, Glencoe Park District and Glencoe Library. In collaboration with all of the partners in this enterprise, and with many other members of the community, FSG looks forward to launching an array of exciting programs, educational opportunities and a way to provide a wholly all-inclusive community across the lifespan. Information about upcoming programs and news about this initiative will be accessible by the end of the summer on both the Village of Glencoe and Family Service of Glencoe's websites.

For more information on the Dementia Friendly Glencoe Initiative or other senior support services currently offered in the area, please contact Emily Mysel, Senior Program Manager, at emily@familyserviceofglencoe.org or (847) 440-6811.

ABOUT FAMILY SERVICE OF GLENCOE:

Rooted in Glencoe for more than 105 years, Family Service of Glencoe strengthens our community through highly confidential services that prevent and treat emotional and psychological problems. Services include counseling to individuals and families; community education; crisis intervention; senior housing assistance and more. To receive help or become a supporter of this non-profit organization, visit www.familyserviceofglencoe.org.

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