

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Grace Management, Inc. The Village Program<sup>®</sup> Recognized by the Alzheimer's Association<sup>®</sup> Curriculum Review

Training aimed at implementing the latest evidenced-based approaches to dementia care amid growing numbers of Americans affected.

Maple Grove, MN – September 6, 2024 – Grace Management, Inc. announced its Memory Care training, The Village Program<sup>®</sup>, is once again recognized by the Alzheimer's Association for successfully completing curriculum review and incorporating its evidenced-based <u>Dementia Care Practice</u> <u>Recommendations</u> in the following topic areas: Alzheimer's and dementia, person-centered care, assessment and care planning, activities of daily living, and behaviors and communication.

"We are honored to have The Village Program<sup>®</sup> recognized by the Alzheimer's Association," said Dr. Ashlea Smalley, National Director of Memory Care and Life Enrichment at Grace Management, Inc. "This recognition underscores our commitment to providing the highest standard of care for our residents, ensuring that our team is equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary to deliver compassionate, person-centered care."

Providers who train their staff with a training program recognized by the Alzheimer's Association are also eligible to purchase the essentiALZ certification exam for their staff. The essentiALZ exam is an online individual certification exam that tests for understanding of quality dementia care practices. Professional care workers who pass the exam are certified in essentiALZ for two years.

"The Alzheimer's Association is pleased that Grace Management, Inc. is aligning its training program with our Dementia Care Practice Recommendations," said Emily Shubeck, director Alzheimer's Association. "By taking this step, Grace Management, Inc. has demonstrated their commitment to providing evidencebased training with a person-centered focus at its core."

High-quality dementia care training can lead to improvement in communication between caregivers and people living with dementia, a reduction in dementia-related behaviors and an increase in job satisfaction and staff retention.

The Alzheimer's Association offers flexible options for providers and individuals to implement quality care. For information on pathways to training and certification, visit <u>alz.org/trainingandcertification</u>.

Recognition from the Alzheimer's Association is not an endorsement of the organization or the care provided.

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## About Grace Management, Inc.

Grace Management, Inc. (GMI) was established in 1984 to develop, market, and manage residential communities for seniors. GMI combines sound fiscal and operational management, adherence to ethical standards, and dedication to the long-term satisfaction and quality of life of all residents and associates. Grace Management, Inc. is a subsidiary of CPF Living Communities and is ranked in ASHA's 50 largest seniors housing owners. For more information, please visit: <u>www.GraceManagement.com</u>.

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