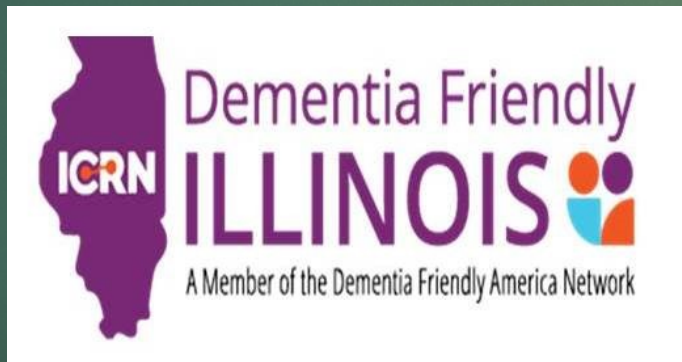


# The Journey to Creating a Dementia Friendly Community:

## Dementia Friendly Decatur Task Force



DATE: AUGUST 2021

# Alzheimer's & Dementia in Decatur

- ▶ Statistically Speaking:
- ▶ 2019: There were 70,746 people Living in Decatur. 13,937 age 65+ living in Decatur or 19.7% of the population
- ▶ 1 in 9 people age 65+ live with dementia
- ▶ Statistically roughly 1,549 people are living in Decatur with Dementia
- ▶ Since usually a person with dementia has 2-3 care partners that is an additional 3,872 people plus the 1,549 or 5,421 people in your community directly impacted.

(Source: US Census 2019 Quick Facts & Dementia Friendly Communities Toolkit)

# Why Support Dementia Friendly Illinois

Living with dementia is a **lonely** experience

“Feels like I’m fading.”

“Alzheimer’s is still a whispered disease...”

“They treat you like you have the plague.”

“I don’t know where I belong.”

Source: Rush Alzheimer’s Support Group, Chicagoland.

# Dementia Friends Make Dementia Friendly Communities

## Dementia Friends



Join other friends  
in a movement  
that is changing  
the way people think, act,  
and talk about dementia.

[www.dementiafriendsusa.org](http://www.dementiafriendsusa.org)

## Dementia Friendly Communities



A national network  
of communities,  
organizations and  
individuals seeking to ensure  
that communities across the  
U.S. are equipped to support  
people living with dementia  
and their caregivers

[www.dfamerica.org](http://www.dfamerica.org)

# First Meeting of Key Community Leaders

- ▶ September 16, 2021 @ CHELP office
- ▶ Purpose is to convene small group of key community leaders to discuss potential for Dementia Friendly Decatur and identify potential Action Team Members
- ▶ Discuss level of participation in Macon County Alzheimer's Walk October 9, 2021 at Fairview Park.



# Action : What RSI Committee Can Do

- ▶ Participate in the Alzheimer walk by being part of the Dementia Friendly Decatur Task Force Team
- ▶ Talk with Sheila about becoming a member of the Walk
- ▶ Express interest to Sheila and/or Julie and become an active member of the Action Team to be developed and convene for the first time in October 2021
- ▶ We are counting on your support by raising awareness and participating in the work of the Dementia Friendly Decatur Task Force
- ▶ Become a Dementia Friend by visiting [www.dementiafriendsusa.org](http://www.dementiafriendsusa.org)

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