

CAREGIVER EVENTS CALENDAR

Are YOU caring for a parent, spouse or sick relative?

You ARE a caregiver...and a wife, husband, parent, child, friend, employee.....

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PLEASE CALL AHEAD to confirm time and place. Due to COVID- 19 many of the groups may not be meeting in person but rather virtually. All meetings are open to the public and free of cost, unless otherwise noted.

Note: The Alzheimer's Association Michigan Chapter provides a number of local support groups for caregivers of individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias that meet monthly throughout West Michigan. Due to COVID-19, these groups are currently meeting virtually or by phone. The Alzheimer's Association also hosts other virtual and dial-in support groups open to caregivers statewide. Please visit alz.org/gmc/helping_you/support_groups for a list of statewide programs. For more information, call the Alzheimer's Association at 248-996-1066 or email helplinegmc@alz.org.

June 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 (10:00-11:00 AM) Virtual Caregiver Support Group. AAAWM is hosting a weekly virtual support group for family Caregivers. Discussion is led by a licensed therapist with expertise of working with older adults and their caregivers. Time will also be allowed for participants to share their own personal experience and seek advice from other participants and the therapist. Meets **every Tuesday** of each month via Zoom. Register by emailing registration@aaawm.org or call 616-222-7032. Once registered, Zoom online and phone access will be sent.
Contact: AAAWM
Phone: (616) 222-7032

June 2 (6:30-8:00 PM) Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group. Typically held at the Mercy Health Lacks Cancer Center in the Lack's Grand Conference Room, 250 Cherry Street, Lower Level. Currently meeting via phone and Zoom. This class is held on the **first Wednesday** of each month. Open to caregivers supporting those affected with Alzheimer's, Lewy Body, FTD, Vascular, Parkinson's dementias and others. Call 248-996-1066 or email helplinegmc@alz.org to register. Meeting access information provided upon registration.
Contact: Sharon Koets
Phone: (616) 822-5481

June 2 (6:00-7:30 PM)

Joe Niekro Foundation - West Michigan Support Group. This support group offers outreach and support for brain aneurysm, AVM and stroke survivors and their caregivers. Meets the *first Wednesday* of the month at Metro Health Conference Center, 2225 Main Street, Wyoming. **Phone:** (616) 252-7200

*** June 3 and 17 (12:30-2:00 PM)**

Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group. For caregivers of individuals who have Alzheimer's or related dementias. Typically held at SarahCare Adult Day Care, 2211 East Beltline Ave NE, Grand Rapids, on the *first and third Thursdays* of the month. Currently meeting via phone. Call 248-996-1066 or email helplinegmc@alz.org to register. Meeting access information provided upon registration. **Contact:** Harlene Gedris
Phone: (616) 949-4709

June 4 (1:00 PM) Fair Housing Rights for Seniors in Kent County.

The ability to obtain adequate, affordable housing fairly is critical to continued well-being and quality of life for Kent County seniors – as is the ability to age safely in place. Unfortunately, despite over 100 years of fair housing laws, housing discrimination against seniors in Kent County remains prevalent and continues to be a significant barrier to housing choice. This seminar will address protections available for seniors, examples of housing discrimination, reasonable accommodations and modifications for older adults with disabilities, and tools to assist in advocating for fair housing for seniors. Held on **Thursday, June 3rd** at 1:00 pm. **Contact:** E-mail: registration@aaawm.org or call 616-222-7032

June 8 and 22 (12:30 PM)

Caregiver Support Group. Evergreen Commons in Holland offers a caregiver support group on the *second and fourth Tuesdays* of the month, 55 W. 16th St, Holland. Respite may be available, if prearranged. **Contact:** Day Center at Evergreen
Phone: (616) 355-5130

*** June 8 (3:00-4:00 PM) Caregiver Support Group.** What you need to know about Home and Community Based Care. Meets on the *second Tuesday* of each month at the Knapp's Corner SarahCare, 2211 E. Beltline Ave NE, Grand Rapids. **Contact:** Kendra Schumaker
Phone: (616) 530-6700

June 8 (5:00-6:00 PM) Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group:

Spanish Language. For Spanish-speaking caregivers of individuals who have Alzheimer's or related dementias. Typically held at Exalta Health, 2060 Division Ave S, Grand Rapids, on the *second Tuesday* of the month. Currently meeting via phone. Call 616-459-7423 or email amramos@alz.org for meeting details. **Contact:** Ana Ramos
Phone: 616-459-7423

8 de junio (5:00 PM-6:00 PM) Grupo de apoyo para cuidadores en Español del Alzheimer's Association.

Para cuidadores de personas que padecen de la enfermedad de Alzheimer o demencias relacionadas. Nos reunimos en el salón de multiuso de Exalta Health, 2060 Division Ave S, Grand Rapids, cada *segundo Martes* del mes. Debido al COVID-19, nos estamos reuniendo por teléfono. Comuníquese con Ana Ramos por teléfono al 616-459-7423 o por correo electrónico amramos@alz.org para obtener más detalles. **Contacto:** Ana Ramos
Teléfono: 616-459-7423

June 8 (7:00-8:30 PM) Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group:

Younger-Onset Dementias. For caregivers of individuals who have a dementia that was diagnosed before age 65. Typically held on the *second Tuesday* of each month at Faith Lutheran Church, 2740 Fuller Avenue NE, Grand Rapids. Currently meeting via Zoom. Currently meeting via phone or Zoom. Call 248-996-1066 or email helplinegmc@alz.org to register. Meeting access information provided upon registration. **Contact:** Sharon Koets
Phone: (616) 822-5481

*** June 9 (1:30-2:00 PM) Caregiver Support Group.** Converse with the Nurse. Meets on the *second Wednesday* of each month at the Knapp's Corner SarahCare, 2211 E. Beltline Ave NE, Grand Rapids.
Contact: Kendra Schumaker
Phone: (616) 530-6700

*** June 10 (10:00-11:00 AM) Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group.** For caregivers of individuals who have Alzheimer's disease or related dementia. Typically held on the *second Thursday* of each month at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 3334 Breton Rd SE, Grand Rapids. Currently meeting via phone. Call 248-996-1066 or email helplinegmc@alz.org to register. Meeting access information provided upon registration.
Contact: Theresa Wilson
Phone: (616) 301-2000

June 14 and 28 (5:30-6:45 PM) "Family Connection" Support Group. This support group helps spouses, parents, siblings and other caregivers more effectively deal with the stresses created by the symptoms or behaviors associated with mental illness. It also offers guidance through shared experiences, the sharing of effective coping strategies, and knowledge about various disorders in a safe confidential setting. This support group sponsored by Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services meets on the *second and fourth Mondays* of the month at the clinic located at 4211 Parkway Place, Suite 100, Grandville. Donations welcome.
Contact: Southwest Clinic
Phone: (616) 222-3700

June 19 (11:00 AM-12:00 PM) Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group. For caregivers of individuals who have Alzheimer's or related dementias. Typically held at St. Luke AME Zion Church, 101 Delaware St. SE, Grand Rapids, on the *third Saturday* of the month. Currently meeting via phone or Zoom. Call 248-996-1066 or email helplinegmc@alz.org to register. Meeting access information provided upon registration.
Contact: Patricia Bryant
Phone: (616) 452-7227

*** June 22 (9:30-11:00 AM) Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group.** For caregivers of individuals who have Alzheimer's disease or related dementia. Typically held on the *fourth Tuesday* of each month at Mercy Health SW, Grand Conference Room, 2373 64th Street, Grand Rapids. Currently meeting via phone. Call 248-996-1066 or email helplinegmc@alz.org to register. Meeting access information provided upon registration.
Contact: Kendra Schumaker
Phone: (616) 530-6700

June 22 (3:00-4:00 PM) Caregiver Support Group. Care Services of Evergreen Commons offers a caregiver support group primarily for caregivers who care for someone with dementia. This group meets on the *fourth Tuesday* of each month at Fellowship Reformed Church, 2165 W Lakewood Blvd, Holland.
Contact: Day Center at Evergreen
Phone: (616) 355-5130

June 28 (6:00-7:00 PM) Alzheimer's Association Aging with Down Syndrome Support Group. This group is for family members of individuals with Down syndrome to share concerns or questions about Alzheimer's disease and to seek support. Typically held at the Down Syndrome Association of West Michigan on the *fourth Monday* of the month. Currently meeting via phone or Zoom. Call 248-996-1066 or email helplinegmc@alz.org to register. Meeting access information provided upon registration.
Contact: Nate Clark
Phone: 616-956-3488

*** SarahCare Adult Day Center will provide care free of charge during support groups between 9 am and 5 pm. (Dependent on availability and also on COVID safety precautions). They are located at Knapp's Corner: 2211 E. Beltline, Grand Rapids and Metro Village: 2024 Health Drive, Suite B, Wyoming. Contact intake at 616-528-4003 to schedule an initial assessment. Pre-registration is required for each drop off.**