

# DEMENTIA CAREGIVER RESOURCES, INC.

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## THE DEMENTIA DETAILS DISPATCH OCTOBER 2012

### OCTOBER 2012 SUPPORT GROUPS

Oct. 2 & 16 St. Mark Village 9:30 AM  
Oct. 2 & 16 Grand Villa 6:00 PM  
Oct. 3 & 17 Bon Secours PL 6:00 PM  
Oct. 5 & 19 Grand Villa 9:30 AM  
Oct. 15 Belleair Garden 9:30 AM

### NOVEMBER 2012 SUPPORT GROUPS

Nov. 2 & 16 Grand Villa 9:30 AM  
Nov. 6 & 20 St. Mark Village 9:30 AM  
Nov. 6 & 20 Grand Villa 6:00 PM  
Nov. 7 Bon Secours PL 6:00 PM  
Nov. 12 Belleair Garden 9:30 AM

**SEASONS ASSISTED LIVING** will be hosting support groups at the Belleair Garden Club 903 Ponce de Leon – Belleair, FL until the new Memory Care buildings are opened.

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T W E N T I E T H   A N N U A L  
*Tampa Bay Times*  
**FESTIVAL OF READING**

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA ST. PETERSBURG

**DEMENTIA CAREGIVER RESOURCES** will be participating in the October 20<sup>th</sup> 10AM-4PM **Festival of Reading** event this year. We will have a flamingo themed booth with our book and information. Please stop by and say hello, you will see flamingos I am sure!

Sean W. Scott  
Elder Law Attorney

### TOP TEN MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY MISTAKES

*This is the seventh in the series of the top ten.*

#### FAILING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF PROTECTIONS FOR THE SPOUSE

The law provides protections so the spouse of a Medicaid recipient still living in the community does not have to be impoverished.

For more information call: **727.539.0181**

Visit: <http://www.virtuallawoffice.com/>



In November 2012 **DEMENTIA CAREGIVER RESOURCES, INC.** (DCR) will celebrate our 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary, as a 501C3 non-profit organization and you are all invited to join us. If you attended groups in the past, we welcome you to re-join us. To make sure as many people as possible can join the party, we'll be celebrating our milestone at four different support groups.

#### Dates and times:

Nov. 2 Grand Villa 9:30 AM  
Nov. 6 St. Mark Village 9:30 AM  
Nov. 6 Grand Villa 6:00 PM  
Nov. 7 Bon Secours Place 6:00 PM

**There will be a display board highlighting DCR's history over the past 15 years along with games, prizes and surprises! Hope to see you there!** Your support makes a difference for us to continue our mission.



*We are firmly grounded in the present. We glance at the past and prepare for the future as we begin a new chapter in our lives.*

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### VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICES

Effective Oct. 1, services for veterans will be offered at the following Pinellas locations

#### St. Petersburg

Pinellas County Department of Health and Human Services - 647 First Ave. N.

#### Clearwater

Pinellas County Department of Health and Human Services 2189 Cleveland St. #230

#### Largo

Pinellas County Health Department  
8751 Ulmerton Road

#### Tarpon Springs

Pinellas County Health Department  
301 S. Disston Ave.

*The services traditionally offered by the Pinellas County Office of Veterans Services, which include assisting veterans and their families in applying for VA benefits, such as VA compensation, educational benefits, health care, nursing home care, aid and attendance, home loans, life insurance, and funeral and survivor benefits will continue to be offered to all veterans and their families. The main # is: (727) 464-8460*

**A lot of questions come up in support groups as to whether a person is eligible to receive benefits. These are some of the periods of war that are used to calculate a veteran's benefits:**

*(Always check with your local County veterans' service office for the latest information for your area)*

#### WORLD WAR II

December 7, 1941 - December 31, 1946

#### KOREAN CONFLICT

June 27, 1950, through January 31, 1955

#### VIETNAM ERA

August 5, 1964 - May 7, 1975

#### PERSIAN GULF WAR

August 2, 1990 - Present



### VOTING AND DEMENTIA ISSUES

A sleeper issue in national elections is the voting rights of dementia residents. Today an estimated 5.1 million Americans have Alzheimer's disease. 455,000 Alzheimer's patients are estimated to be living in Florida! A long time ago, I asked my mom if she wanted to vote. She thought for a minute and asked me if Eisenhower was going to run again? Clearly this issue of the *right* to vote needs a lot of our attention. Is this person plainly unable to understand oral questions and/or comprehend written words? In advanced stages of Alzheimer's disease, the patient cannot feed or dress themselves, toilet properly, initiate their own activities, or even recognize their own family members. *The final question may be this: Is it morally, ethically, and/or politically correct to escort that person into a voting booth?*

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