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THE DEMENTIA DETAILS DISPATCH SEPTEMBER 2020

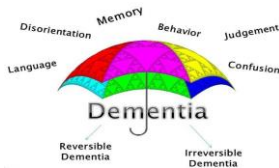
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We hope to resume our regular support groups at some time this year – we miss all of you and hope you are doing OK. These are some very hard days. The future in long-term care communities and what it will look like is so hard to grasp. Please reach out to your doctors for assistance in finding some resources that may be paid for by insurance, or private pay, or VA.



Robin's Wish: An intimate look into Robin Williams and his battle with Lewy body dementia. "The full story was revealed during the making of this film, and it holds the truth that Robin and I had been searching for," said the actor's widow Susan Schneider Williams. *Robin's Wish* documents the comedian's battle with **Lewy Body Dementia**, a type of brain disease that affected his thinking, memory and movement control which ultimately led to his death by suicide in August 2014 at age 63. It's the second-most common type of progressive dementia after Alzheimer's disease. <https://people.com/movies/robin-williams-final-days-revealed-in-new-documentary-robins-wish/>

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Since January 2020, The Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas has been responding to Covid-19 in some impactful ways.


450,000
meals distributed


3500
Hygiene kits distributed


30
Robotic therapy pets given

1350 seniors receive weekly calls to help alleviate social isolation.



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'THOSE' PHONE CALLS

The isolation from COVID 19 has gone on for over 6 months now. Persons with a form of **dementia** often make **phone calls** to their loved ones over and over again—particularly in the middle of the night or early morning. This might occur because they forget that they have already called, they are bored, and need to be occupied. They are also probably experiencing **separation anxiety**, which is feeling **insecure** and **anxious** without someone familiar around them. They have forgotten they asked the same questions even 5 minutes ago. Often, we caregivers have a hard time just letting calls go to voicemail as it always gets us obsessing about what news bomb(s) lay in wait, or can it wait. Mom calls are always the worst - either crying and laying on the guilt, and repetition, or telling you to get her out of this terrible insane asylum. People tell us that when the phone rings their stomach clenches up. If you can do it, screen your calls, put a different ring-tone on for certain callers. Sometimes you gotta do what you gotta do to hang on during this ride. Our family members use different ring-tones and one of them is an 'old car horn' and another one is 'Beethoven's Fifth'....we have to laugh sometimes with how silly it all may be, but it does make us smile and get through some moments with a little humor.

Gov. Ron DeSantis announced September 1, 2020 that **VISITATION AT NURSING HOMES and ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES**

throughout Florida will once again resume:

- All visitations have to be by appointment only. Residents can designate up to five visitors — with two visitors at a time. Wear PPE!
- No minors, at this time, are allowed at visitations.
- No facilities can allow visitors unless 14 days have passed without a positive case — except for an essential caregiver or emotional support giver.
- The guidelines will be up to each facility to be ready to abide by the rules

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