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# *Dealing with Dementia*

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Keynote Presenter:

**Rev. Dr. Kathleen J. Rusnak, PhD**

*“After They Forget: the Thriving Spirit of Alzheimer’s”*



**The Wilentz Senior Residence at the  
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### **Course Description**

As the population ages, the incidence of dementia in the United States will become an even greater common problem, taking up an even larger percentage of the health care budget. With the advent of new medications that slow the course of some dementing processes, diagnostic tools that help in the early differential diagnosis of dementia, are essential in educating and helping patients live with their illness. When providing for dementia patients, we often run the risk of having the individual become an object of nursing, while the essence of who that person is, begins to disappear. This tendency is compounded by the fact that there is not one convenient theory for every anomaly of behavior in dementia patients. It is imperative that providers have in place working strategies which most effectively deal with the challenges of dementia, both for patients and caregivers. This program will address the spiritual, emotional, physical and legal aspects encountered, when '*dealing with dementia*'.

### **Educational Objectives**

*At the conclusion of this educational activity, the participant should be able to:*

- Discuss the aspects of Dementia/Alzheimer's which often lead to a decrease in desire, time and energy caregivers invest in patients
- Examine the concept of 'personhood' and alternative views which support deeper analysis of human nature.
- Describe how enhanced respect for the cognitively impaired can result in mutuality between caregiver and patient
- Identify existential challenges faced by families of someone with Dementia
- Explore theological/spiritual challenges incurred, in the care of people with Dementia
- Identify strategies to further enhance the care provided for Dementia patients
- Describe how new technology can improve the quality of care for dementia residents
- Discuss how technology applications can improve staff efficiency
- Examine various environments designed for dementia patients and discuss their effectiveness.
- Review state-of-the-art facilities and discuss how challenges may be corrected to improve quality of care
- Discuss the legalities and issues surrounding Resident's Rights, as they pertain to the Dementia patient
- Discuss the importance of advanced care planning end-of-life decision making for the Dementia patient.

### **Audience**

- Administrators
- Assistant Administrators
- Executive Directors
- Nursing Professionals
- Social Workers
- Service Coordinators
- Chaplains
- Resident Services
- Activities Professionals
- Volunteer Coordinators
- Case Managers
- other Health and Community Care Professionals with an interest in Dementia Care

## Program

- 8:15-8:55am      *REGISTRATION / BUFFET BREAKFAST*
- 8:55-9:00      **Welcome & Opening Remarks**
- 9:00-10:15      **After They Forget: *The Thriving Spirit of Alzheimer's***  
Rev. Dr. Kathleen J. Rusnak, PhD  
*Pastor, Our Saviour Lutheran Church; Pres. & Founder, The Brick Wall 2, Inc.*
- 10:15-10:30      *BREAK*
- 10:30-11:30      **Caring for People with Dementia: Meaning & Spirituality in the Face of Cognitive Decline**  
Rabbi Bryan Kinzbrunner  
*The Oscar and Ella Wilf Campus for Senior Living*
- 11:30-12:30pm      ***We Got Apps for That? ... Widgets, Gadgets & Designs that Support Independence***  
Tim Mueller, AIA, LEED AP  
*Director of Seniors Design/Principal, SFCS, Inc.*
- 12:30-1:15pm      *LUNCH*
- 1:15-2:15      **Don't Forget to Remember: Designing for Memory Support/Dementia Households**  
Melissa Pritchard, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP  
*Senior Associate, SFCS, Inc*
- 2:15-3:15      **The Dementia Patient as a Person: Patients Rights & Advance Care Planning**  
Amy Brown , Esq.  
*Office of the Ombudsman for the Institutionalized Elderly*

### *Educational Information*

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