Announcement of Community Meeting: Template

Upcoming Meeting: How [Community Name] Is Working to Become Dementia Friendly

[Community name] is one of more than 40 communities in Minnesota preparing our state for the growth and impact of Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias. Every part of [community name] can take steps to create a dementia-supportive culture, such as:

* Businesses that train employees on interacting with customers who have dementia
* Clinics that promote timely diagnosis of Alzheimer’s and provide care and support options
* Faith communities that welcome and engage people living with dementia and their families

For 2018, the Alzheimer’s Association estimates there are 94,000 Minnesotans age 65 and older with the disease and thousands more with other dementias. The disease also touches 254,000 family members and friends in our state who are caregivers. (Find more Alzheimer’s facts and figures at <https://www.alz.org/facts/overview.asp>)

In [Community Name], an estimated [insert number] have Alzheimer’s. [Include a quote from a community leader about what it means to be part of your community’s commitment to preparing for dementia, such as: “Alzheimer’s can have a devastating emotional and financial impact on real people and families. We need to make sure our community has services and resources in place to support people with dementia and their caregivers,” said [name and title]. “If everyone—neighbors, businesses, faith communities, local government services—is more aware, we can be supportive and provide resources that truly help people affected by the disease.”]

[Community name] is using a comprehensive, dementia friendly community toolkit to assess current dementia-related strengths and gaps in our community, so we can identify community goals and determine how we can take action to achieve the goals.

Several key organizations are leading [community name]’s action team, including [name key organizations that are part of the action team]. Everyone is invited to join us in this community-wide effort.

To learn more about this important work and how you can become involved, please attend the community meeting [provide date, time location]. For questions, contact [person, phone, email]. Learn more about the work statewide by visiting www.ACTonALZ.org