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Accolade Home Care to Offer Memory Screenings

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GUEST BOOK



Guest Book

(WHITE DEER)- In an effort to detect Alzheimer's in its early stages, Accolade Home Care is offering confidential memory screenings at 38 locations across Texas and Oklahoma, including a screening in White Deer. As of 2000, it was estimated that 270,000 Texans were afflicted with Alzheimer's. This number is expected to increase more than 26 percent to 340,000 in 2010.

"Screening tests for Alzheimer's disease are simple, painless and very effective at identifying individuals in the early stages of the condition," said Dr. Phillip D. Isabelle.

These screenings will be offered to White Deer and surrounding area residents at Lincoln Tower, 315 S. Main Street White Deer, TX 79097 on November 9 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Another screening will be held on Thursday, Nov. 19, at Borger's Opportunities, Inc. Senior Center, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Mary Benson has been the primary caregiver for her husband, Jim for two years.

"My husband took care of everything for 20 years and now I have had to train myself to take over those responsibilities, since he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's" Mary said.

Jim, who was once a pastor, now relies solely on his wife and Accolade Home Care to perform every day duties.

Physical therapist assistant Jonette Schnaufer works with Jim two times a week.

"It takes a lot of encouragement to get Mr. Benson to participate in the exercises, but I have noticed a huge improvement in his ability to get up and down on his own," Schnaufer said.

Sonny Braely is currently experiencing the early stages of Alzheimer's and wants to spread the word to get tested if possible. His wife Donna stated, "If you are afraid of a screening, swallow your fear and get screened. I'm so glad we got Sonny help; you have to maintain what is still there."

Donna and Sonny both attend an Alzheimer's support group, which allows them to interact and communicate with others who are going through the same trials. "These help with denial, as you are able to witness that you are not alone and that there are others out there struggling with the same issues. You are able to comfort others and it builds a community of support; feels like an extended family," Donna said.

Sonny works daily to help him remember things, "I mimic my wife's organization routine. She has a color coded calendar and the colors at a glance help organize and calm any anxiety about when and where things are."

"The sooner you participate in a screening, the sooner you can get a plan of action set into place," Jane Hale, certified dementia practitioner, stated.

The screenings take roughly five to ten minutes to complete and consist of simple questions and tasks. Each screening is administered by a qualified healthcare professional and provides individuals with information on Alzheimer's disease, dementia and successful aging and local resources.

Accolade Homecare and Hospice

Based in Denton, Texas, Kindstar Corporation DBA, Accolade Homecare's Management, has served Home Health and Hospice patients for more than 20 years. Accolade has 25 locations throughout Texas and Oklahoma. Nurses and therapists visit patients in their homes to evaluate symptoms and provide treatment.

Accolade's sophisticated specialty programs focus on the patient and includes family members every step of the way. Accolade's services incorporate treatment for Alzheimer's disease, dementia, vestibular disorders, foot care, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy. Specialists also provide training for wound care and ostomy care, nutrition and diabetes. Accolade's hospice offers a special kind of care designed to meet

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For more information about Accolade Home Care's Memory screenings, please contact Jodi Allen at jodi.allen@accoladehomecare.com or 806-207-0071.

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