

# Lake Houston Caregiver Resources

## Lake Houston Alzheimer's & Dementia Caregiver Support Group (FREE)

See [SynapseSite.net/support\\_groups](http://SynapseSite.net/support_groups). Our caregiver support group can help by letting caregivers know they are not alone, and by having an opportunity to hear others' stories and to share their own. There is a wealth of experience and wisdom in our group. In addition to our regular monthly meeting on the second Monday of each month, 7:00pm - 8:30pm, we have a monthly **Dinner Out** at a local restaurant on the last Wednesday of the month.

For more information: **Barbara Hemphill**, 281-851-7504 or [barbara@synapsesite.net](mailto:barbara@synapsesite.net)

## Memory Café (FREE)

Kingwood Memory Café offers a safe, comfortable, engaging environment where people with early stage memory loss and their care partners can laugh, learn, and remain socially engaged with others traveling the same journey. It is a time and place where people can interact, find support, share concerns and celebrate without feeling embarrassed or misunderstood. We usually have a meal and sometimes play a game or two.

For more information: **Donna Composto**, 281-682-3727 or [donna.composto@momscareplan.com](mailto:donna.composto@momscareplan.com)

## The Gathering Place (FREE)

The Gathering Place offers Alzheimer's and dementia caregivers respite for a few hours, usually around lunch time. Gathering Place meetings combine physical movement, socialization, music, and other memory-stimulating activity in a safe and comfortable 3.5-hour time block, enabling caregivers to leave their loved ones and attend to their personal needs without worry. A professional staff member from Interfaith CarePartners attends each Gathering Place to provide expert support and assistance to the volunteers. There are three Gathering Places in the Lake Houston area.

For more information: **Interfaith CarePartners**, 713-682-5995 or [InterFaithCarePartners.org](http://InterFaithCarePartners.org)

## Mom's Care Plan (FREE)

See [www.momscareplan.com](http://www.momscareplan.com).

Mom's Care Plan is a free elder care service that educates you and provides living and care options that are best suited to your loved one. Donna Composto, the owner of Mom's Care Plan, is a wonderful resource for all kinds of information regarding care options - whether you are selecting an appropriate care facility or in-home care agency or trying to decide what kind of care you need to fit your budget. She knows which facilities have openings, how much they charge, which personal care homes can handle people with dementia, and more. I feature Donna on my web site here, [www.synapsesite.net/care\\_options](http://www.synapsesite.net/care_options)

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## Caregiver Conferences (FREE)

These are offered in Kingwood and in other areas around Houston. They feature skill-building and informative workshops on topics related to caregiving and provide opportunities to network with professionals (attorneys, social workers, chaplains, benefits specialists, etc.). Everything is free, including breakfast, lunch, and respite care during the conference. The Kingwood conference is in late September or early October on a Saturday.

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## Care Connection (FREE)

Care Connection ([careconnection.org](http://careconnection.org)) is a kind of clearing house for a group of city, state and federal agencies that offer support and benefits to caregivers who qualify. For the most part these benefits are for low-income, limited-asset situations. However, there is also a state-wide program that **pays for up to 80 hours of respite care per year** for **ANYONE** who is caring for someone who is disabled (including dementia-type disability). This money can be used for any caregiver you choose, and can also be used at adult day care facilities or for in-home care agencies.

This page of their site gives the details of the respite care program -- [http://www.careconnection.org/site/456/care\\_connection\\_lifespan\\_respite\\_care\\_program.aspx](http://www.careconnection.org/site/456/care_connection_lifespan_respite_care_program.aspx). They offer FREE benefits counseling. Just call them and find out if you qualify.

For more information: **Rosie Martinez**, 877-393-1090 or [Rosalba.Martinez@houstontx.gov](mailto:Rosalba.Martinez@houstontx.gov)

## Adult Day Care

The lowest cost professional care option is adult day care -- about \$75-\$85/day, including lunch and snacks. We have an excellent adult day care facility in Kingwood - SarahCare Adult Day Care, <http://sarahcare.com/kingwood/> Lisa Suarez owns and operates this facility, plus one in The Woodlands.

It is recommended to use day care more than one day each week for people with dementia, in order to establish and maintain a degree of familiarity.

For more information: **Lisa Suarez**, 281-361-7000 or [sarahcarewk@gmail.com](mailto:sarahcarewk@gmail.com)

## Care Facilities

Eventually most caregivers just cannot do it any longer. It's a 24/7 high-stress job, and unless the person with dementia has a health event that shortens the disease process, caregiving just gets to be too much for one human being. There are some excellent dementia-care facilities in this area.

There are also a few personal care homes that specialize in dementia care. These homes care for fewer people, and they are typically less expensive than the larger facilities.

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## In-home Care Agencies

We have very good agencies that offer in-home care. Usually these agencies require a minimum of 3-4 hours, and cost is typically around \$20-\$25/hour. In addition, there are many home health agencies and hospice companies that can assist your loved one in your home.

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## SynapseSite.net Web Site

There is a web site ([www.synapsesite.net](http://www.synapsesite.net)) and Facebook page ([www.Facebook.com/synapsesitegroup](http://www.Facebook.com/synapsesitegroup)) for the Lake Houston Alzheimer's & Dementia Caregiver Support Group and for others interested in dementia. The web site has a **mailing list**, so if you want to keep up with local events and offerings and receive reminders of group activities, just click the mailing list link on the web site (left-hand column or bottom of page). Those on the list typically receive 3-5 emails each month. The Facebook page also has local events information and articles that may be of interest to people dealing with dementia.

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