

Dementia Friendly Services (Formerly Dementia Friendly Saline) *Dfsaline.org*

RESPIRE WITH!

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Respite

"Temporary rest from caregiving, while loved one receives care in a safe setting".

= "Adult Day & Get Away" ?

Another Way

RESPIRE WITH!

- enjoy a good time--- together
- more fun;
- less guilt;
- low cost

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Dementia Friendly Services

• RESPIRE WITH! PROGRAMS

Dementia Friendly-



- Movies
- Memory Cafes
- Live Theatre
- Art Fairs
- Chorus
- Shopping
- Special Events

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Dementia Friendly Movie Program

- Commercial Theatre
- Recapture joy of going out
- Embarrassment-free



We're goin'to the movies! We're goin' to the movies!

It's a disease, not a disgrace



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Welcoming & Accessible



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Happy To See You



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Souvenir Nametags & Tickets



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Help Along The Way



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Food & Friends For The Journey



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Costume Contests /Dressed For The Occasion

Grease



Court Jester



Singing In The Rain



Pajama Game



No, Jim, it said 'Dress appropriately', not 'An appropriate dress'

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Welcome to
A Friendly Day At The Movies!

We are So Glad You Are Here

House Rules: Enjoy yourself!

During the movie---
talk,
sing along
get up and dance!

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Need Help?

Food?

Restroom?

Quiet time?

Wave to a team member



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Warm ups



Singing In The Rain



Swing Time



YOU ARE THE DANCING QUEEN



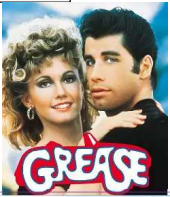
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Classic Movies













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Lights Soft; Sound Soft



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Spontaneous Outbreaks



- 1st in US
- Awards winner
- "A party where they show a movie"



Making a Difference

- "He was so happy to be visible again"
- "Mom felt like she belonged!"
- "For 2 hours at the movie, I had my wife back"
- "These events have changed our lives."

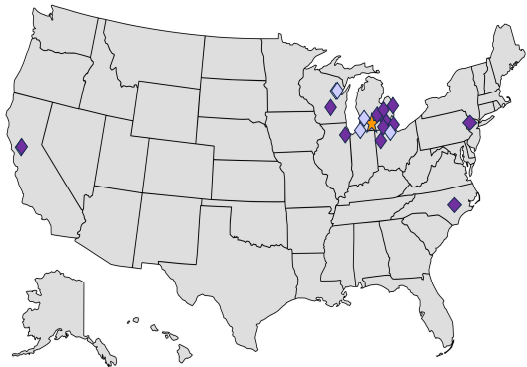


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Dementia Friendly Movies

- ★ Original (Saline, MI)
- ◆ Other active locations
- ◇ Locations in development



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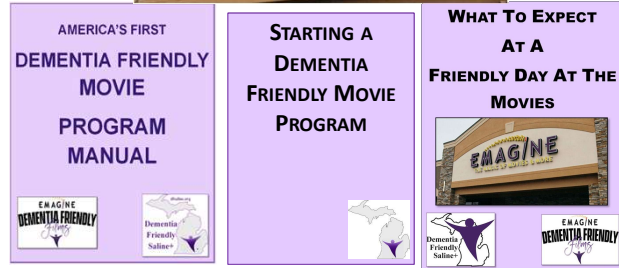


- "Don't call it 'respite'—just call it 'fun'"
- Also call it "good business"



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Coming Soon To A Theatre Near You?



What To Expect

- Visual step by step guide
- Akin to “Social Story”
- Available in advance



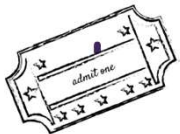
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INTERESTED IN STARTING YOUR OWN DAY AT THE MOVIES? WE CAN HELP!

We offer support and instruction for setting up your own movie program! From enlisting community partners to striking a deal with your local theater, we can help you every step of the way.

Although we will happily provide our free toolkit to anyone, anywhere, who is interested in starting a similar program, we have funding to provide more comprehensive support to new dementia friendly movie events in the state of Michigan.



WHO ARE WE?

"Our mission is to help persons with dementia live in our community with less difficulty and more dignity."

Dementia Friendly Saline began in 2019 as a grassroots initiative intended to make Saline a safe, welcoming and respectful place for persons living with dementia and their care partners.

Since then, we've focused on developing programming for the local dementia community. In addition to the dementia friendly Day at the Movies, we currently offer our "Come As You Are" Memory Cafe, an innovative caregiver support program called Caregiver Companions, a dementia friendly choir, and free dementia friendly educational workshops. For more information on any of our programs, please visit www.dfsaline.org.

We are supported in part by the Michigan Health Endowment Fund, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation.



A DEMENTIA FRIENDLY DAY AT THE MOVIES



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More Movie Information

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Movies and Criteria



- 2 hrs
- Generally acceptable
- Musicals, comedies
- Highly rated
- Available
- Pre-screened by team

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Souvenir Program

A FRIENDLY DAY AT THE MOVIES

We're So Glad You
Here

EMAGINE
THE MUSIC OF MOVIES & MORE

Demotrip
Friendly
Silly

BEFORE THE SHOW --FACTS & SNACKS

- Our Greeter/Guides will help you get to the theatre
- Enjoy a free finger food buffet in the theatre and meet some new friends on the journey
- All seats are recliners. Our Guides will help you get comfortable
- Enjoy our Fun Film Facts discussion

DURING THE MOVIE

- Talk back, sing along, clap, tap, sway, get up and dance. Be yourself and have fun!
- We'll keep the lights on for you
- And we'll tone down the sound a bit
- Gotta Go? A Greeter/Guide will help you to the rest room, and back.
- Need a break? Our Greeter/Guides will help you to the Quiet Room

AFTER THE MOVIE

- There will be Door Prizes—Save your admission ticket!



TODAY'S MOVIE: An American in Paris
Released: 1952
Cast: Gene Kelly, Leslie Caron,
Oscar Levant, Nina Foch
Run Time: 1 hr 54 min
Won 6 Academy Awards

ry: Paris, shortly after World War 2. Gerry, er American soldier, is trying to make it as a He finds a patron, who's interested in more s art. But Gerry also finds the love of his is friend's fiancé. Choices must be made careers, about love. Life is seldom simple, is the American in Paris, or anyone else, have

etc. Many movies give rise to music of the ame (*Oklahoma! Sound of Music; Camelot*) one went the opposite way-- \$2 movie stems from George Gershwin's 1928 ral piece, *An American in Paris*, which you ar in the ballet finale of the movie



Photo Opps



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Safety & Responsibility

- For Persons w. Dementia + any caregivers
- Non-custodial event
- Consider professional assist
- Inclusive not exclusive



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Detailed Attention



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“Must” vs “Nice”

Core Elements

- Appropriate Movie
- Lights & sound
- ~~Rules~~



We do it with the lights on.

Desirable Elements

- Support for every step
- Welcome
- Info, goodies, souvenirs
- Wrap-around activities



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Steps

- Team
 - Small to start
- Theatre
 - Identify suitable
 - Negotiate deal
 - Offer staff training
- Plan
 - Layout, logistics, run of show, publicity
- Do it, review it

**STARTING A
DEMENTIA
FRIENDLY MOVIE
PROGRAM**



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Theatre Desirables

- Easy parking
- Minimal steps
- Uncrowded lobby
- Minimal walking
- Nearby restrooms
- Low slope
- Usable "proscenium"



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Theatre Deals

- Commercial
 - Program vs event
 - Business vs charity
 - Boost slow times
 - Involvement vs Commitment
 - Dazzle w data
- Non commercial



A Part of the Community, Not Apart from it



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Bonus---Dementia Friendly Training for the other days

- Theatre will get known as "Dementia Friendly"
- Offer staff training:
 - "5 out of 100"
 - Be dementia friendly 365



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Financials

- Income:
 - Ticket Sales
 - Sponsorships/ads
- Expenses:
 - Projection license
 - Publicity & Signage
 - (Food)
 - (Goodies et al)
 - (?Ramps?)
 - (Mobility assist)



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More Respite With! Programs

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Dementia Social Support & Information

Memory Café

- Social for persons dealing w. dementia
- Connections
- Information
- >70 attendees
- Spawned several others



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Respite With! Dementia Friendly Theatre



- “Thoroughly Friendly”
≈sold out
- May be unique in US

Join us at The Encore Theatre for a special “Thoroughly Friendly” performance of the musical *Annie*!



This sensory-friendly, or “relaxed,” performance is specifically designed for people with dementia and other cognitive disabilities.



A True Story of Hollywood Glamour & Scientific Genius
Written & Performed by Heather Hulse

Friday, March 16, 2024 | 10:00PM
Special Dementia/Alzheimer's Friendly Matinee*



Hedy Lamarr, glamorous siren of the silver screen, was more than the most beautiful woman in the world. She invented Frequency-Hopping Spread Spectrum.

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Respite With! Dementia Community Chorus

- Mixed Membership
- Working together
- Giving back
- Raising awareness



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Dementia Information & Support

- Dementia Friendly Shopping
 - Kiwanis' initiative
 - Luncheon with
 - Apparently unique in US

