CAREGIVER EVENTS CALENDAR

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**Are YOU caring for a parent, spouse or sick relative?**

**You ARE a caregiver…and a wife, husband, parent, child, friend, employee……..**

**These events are for YOU!**

***PLEASE CALL AHEAD to confirm time and place. Due to COVID 19 many of the groups may not be meeting in person but rather virtually. All meetings are open to the public and free of cost, unless otherwise noted.***

**Note:** The Alzheimer’s Association Michigan Chapter provides a number of local support groups for caregivers of individuals with Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias that meet monthly throughout West Michigan.

**For Alzheimer's Association caregiver support groups, dates and times may be subject to change.  For up to date support group information, please visit** [**www.alz.org/gmc/helping\_you/support\_groups**](http://www.alz.org/gmc/helping_you/support_groups) **or contact the Alzheimer's Association's 24/7 Helpline at 800.272.3900 or** [**helplinegmc@alz.org**](mailto:helplinegmc@alz.org)

**September 1 and 15 (12:30-2:30PM) *Alzheimer’s Association Caregiver Support Group.*** For caregivers of individuals who have Alzheimer’s or related dementias. This group will be taking place in-person at SarahCare Adult Day Care, 2211 East Beltline Ave NE, Grand Rapids on the ***first and third*** ***Thursdays*** of the month. Call 800.272.3900 or email [helplinegmc@alz.org](mailto:helplinegmc@alz.org) to register.

**Contact:**Harlene Gedris

**Phone:** (616) 949-4709

**September 6, 13, 20 and 27 (10:00-11:00 AM) *Virtual Caregiver Support Group.*** AAAWM is hosting a weekly virtual support group for family Caregivers. Discussion is led by a licensed therapist with expertise of working with older adults and their caregivers.  Time will also be allowed for participants to share their own personal experience and seek advice from other participants and the therapist. Meets ***every*** ***Tuesday*** of each month via Zoom. Register by emailing [registration@aaawm.org](mailto:registration@aaawm.org) or call 616-222-7032. Once registered, Zoom online and phone access will be sent.

**Contact:**AAAWM

**Phone:** (616) 222-7032

**September 7 (6:00-7:30 PM)**

***Joe Niekro Foundation - West Michigan Support Group*.** This support groupoffers outreach and support for brain aneurysm, AVM and stroke survivors and their caregivers. Meets the ***first Wednesday*** of the month at Metro Health Conference Center, 2225 Main Street, Wyoming.

**Phone:** (616) 252-7200

**September 7 (6:30-8:00 PM) *Alzheimer’s Association Caregiver Support Group.*** For caregivers of individuals who have Alzheimer’s or related dementias. Currently meeting on the ***first Wednesday*** of the month via **phone or Zoom**. Call 800.272.3900 or email [helplinegmc@alz.org](mailto:helplinegmc@alz.org) to register. Meeting access information provided upon registration.

**Contact:**Laura DeWitt

**Phone:** (616) 822-5481

**September 8 (11:00 AM-12:00 PM) *Alzheimer’s Association Caregiver Support Group*.** For caregivers of individuals who have Alzheimer’s disease or related dementia. This group will be taking place in person at St. Paul’s United Methodist Church, 3334 Breton Rd SE, Grand Rapids on the ***second Thursday*** of the month. Call 800-272-3900 or email [helplinegmc@alz.org](mailto:helplinegmc@alz.org) to register.

**Contact:** Theresa Wilson

**Phone:** (616) 301-2000

**September 12 and 26 (5:30-6:45 PM)**

***“Family Connection” Support Group.*** This support grouphelps spouses, parents, siblings and other caregivers more effectively deal with the stresses created by the symptoms or behaviors associated with mental illness. It also offers guidance through shared experiences, the sharing of effective coping strategies, and knowledge about various disorders in a safe confidential setting. This support group sponsored by Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services meets on the ***second and fourth Mondays*** ofthe month at the clinic located at 4211 Parkway Place, Suite 100, Grandville. Donations welcome.

**Contact:**Southwest Clinic

**Phone:**(616) 222-3700

**September 13 and 27 (12:30 PM)**

***Caregiver Support Group.*** Evergreen Commons in Holland offers a caregiver support group on the ***second and fourth Tuesdays*** of the month, 55 W. 16th St, Holland. Respite may be available, if prearranged.

**Contact:**Day Center at Evergreen

**Phone:** (616) 355-5130

**\* September 13 (3:00-4:00 PM) *Caregiver Support Group.*** What you need to know about Home and Community Based Care. Meets on the ***second Tuesday*** of each month at the Knapp’s Corner SarahCare, 2211 E. Beltline Ave NE, Grand Rapids.  
**Contact**: Kendra Schumaker  
**Phone**: (616) 530-6700

**13 de septiembre (5:30 PM-6:30 PM) *Grupo de apoyo para cuidadores en Español del Alzheimer's Association.*** Cada segundo martes del mes (5:30 PM-6:30 PM) Grupo de apoyo para cuidadores en Español del Alzheimer's Association.  Para cuidadores de personas que padecen de la enfermedad de Alzheimer o demencias relacionadas. Nos reunimos en el salón de multiuso de Exalta Health, 2060 Division Ave S, Grand Rapids, cada segundo Martes del mes. Debido al COVID-19, nos estamos reuniendo por teléfono. Comuníquese con Teresa Cruz-Vega por teléfono al 616-589-2820 para obtener más detalles..

**Contacto:** Teresa Cruz-Vega

**Teléfono:** 616-589-2820

**September 13 (5:30-6:30 PM) *Alzheimer’s Association Caregiver Support Group: Spanish Language.*** For Spanish-speaking caregivers of individuals who have Alzheimer’s or related dementias. This group will be held at Exalta Health, 2060 Division Ave S, Grand Rapids, on the ***second*** ***Tuesday*** of the month. Call 616-459-7423 or email amramos@alz.org for meeting details.

**Contact:** Teresa Cruz-Vega

**Phone:** 616-589-2820

**September 13 (7:00-8:30 PM) *Alzheimer’s Association Caregiver Support Group: Younger-Onset Dementias.*** For caregivers of individuals who have a dementia that was diagnosed before age 65. Typically held atFaith Lutheran Church,2740 Fuller Avenue NE, Grand Rapids. Currently meeting on the ***second Tuesday*** of the month via **phone or Zoom.** Call 800.272.3900 or email [helplinegmc@alz.org](mailto:helplinegmc@alz.org) to register. Meeting access information provided upon registration.

**Contact:** Sharon Koets  
**Phone:** (616) 822-5481

**\* September 14 (1:30-2:00 PM) *Caregiver Support Group.*** Converse with the Nurse. Meets on the ***second Wednesday*** of each month at the Knapp’s Corner SarahCare, 2211 E. Beltline Ave NE, Grand Rapids.

**Contact**: Kendra Schumaker

**Phone**: (616) 530-6700

**September 14 (6:00 AM-12:00 PM) *Alzheimer’s Association Caregiver Support Group*.** For caregivers of individuals who have Alzheimer’s disease or related dementia. This group will be taking place in person at Rivertown Ridge, 3555 Copper River Ave. SW, Wyoming, MI 49418 on the ***second Wednesday*** of the month. Call 800-272-3900 or email [helplinegmc@alz.org](mailto:helplinegmc@alz.org) to register.

**Contact:** Karra Vander Wiere

**Phone:** (616) 240-9925

**September 17 (11:00 AM-12:00 PM) *Alzheimer’s Association Caregiver Support Group.*** For caregivers of individuals who have Alzheimer’s or related dementias. Typically held at St. Luke AME Zion Church, 101 Delaware St. SE, Grand Rapids, on the ***third Saturday*** of the month. **Currently meeting via phone or Zoom.** Call 800-272-3900 or email [helplinegmc@alz.org](mailto:helplinegmc@alz.org) to register. Meeting access information provided upon registration.

**Contact:** St. Luke AME Zion Church

**Phone:** (616) 452-7227

**September 20 (10:30-11:30 AM)**

***Alzheimer’s Association* *Male* *Caregiver Solutions* *Discussion Group*.** For male caregivers of individuals who have Alzheimer’s disease or related dementia. In-person meetings take place at Gemmen’s Hardware, 3488 Kelly St., Hudsonville, MI, on the ***third Tuesday*** of the month. Call 800.272.3900 or email [helplinegmc@alz.org](mailto:helplinegmc@alz.org) to register. Meeting access information provided upon registration.

**Contact:** Brian Nitz

**Phone:** (616) 822-1174

**September 20 (7:00-8:30 PM) *Family & Friends Support Group*.** Support group for family and friends of aging adults. Ben Leavell with Waterford Place, will present “Why A Memory Care Community is Beneficial”. Meets Tuesday, September 20th at the Thornapple Evangelical Covenant Church, 6595 Cascade Rd SE, Grand Rapids.  
**Contact:**  Cindy or Amy

**Phone:** (616) 281-6363 ext. 2450

**September 21 (10:00-11:00 AM) *Alzheimer’s Association Caregiver Support Group.*** For caregivers of individuals who have Alzheimer’s or related dementias. This caregiver support group meets in-person at the Ionia County Commission on Aging, 115 Hudson St, Ionia, MI 48846, on the ***third Wednesday*** of each month. If you do not have a valid email address, or if you would like help registering, please contact our Helpline at 800-272-3900 or [helplinegmc@alz.org](mailto:helplinegmc@alz.org).

**Contact:** Rachel Yenchar

**Phone:** (616) 527-5365 ext. 468

**September 22 (7:00-8:00 PM) *Alzheimer’s Association Caregiver Support Group.*** For caregivers of individuals who have Alzheimer’s or related dementias. Currently meeting on the ***fourth Thursday*** of the month **via phone or Zoom**. Call (800) 272-3900 or email helplinegmc@alz.org to register. Meeting access information provided upon registration.

**Contact:**Lois Thomas

**Phone:** 989-884-3372

**September 26 (9:30-11:00 AM) *Alzheimer’s Association Caregiver Support Group.*** For caregivers of individuals who have Alzheimer’s or related dementias. This group will be held in-person at Russ’ Restaurant (Cutlerville), 6444 Division Ave. S, Grand Rapids, MI 49548, on the ***fourth Monday*** of the month**.** Call 800.272.3900 or email [helplinegmc@alz.org](mailto:helplinegmc@alz.org) to register.

**Contact**: Kendra Schumaker  
**Phone**: (616) 530-6700

**September 27 (10:00 AM-12:00 PM) *Caregiver Resource Network – Planning for Future Alternative Living Situations in Older Age.***  Developing a plan as you age can be overwhelming. This presentation will cover the different types of care options available, from homecare to full skilled nursing care, how to finance your care and resources available to help navigate these choices. Held on ***Tuesday, September 27*** via phone or Zoom. Registration is required. E-mail [registration@aaawm.org](mailto:registration@aaawm.org) or call 616-222-7032 to register. Once registered, you will be provided with the information for phone and online meeting access.

**September 27 (3:00-4:00 PM) *Caregiver Support Group.*** Care Services of Evergreen Commons offers a caregiver support group primarily for caregivers who care for someone with dementia. This group meets on the ***fourth Tuesday*** of each month at Fellowship Reformed Church, 2165 W Lakewood Blvd, Holland.

**Contact:**Day Center at Evergreen

**Phone:** (616) 355-5130

**September 27 (6:45-7:45 PM) *Alzheimer’s Association Aging with Down Syndrome Support Group.*** This group is for family members of individuals with Down syndrome to share concerns or questions about Alzheimer's disease and to seek support. This group will be held in-person at the Down Syndrome Association of West Michigan, 160 68th St SW Ste. 110, Grand Rapids, MI 49548, on the ***fourth Monday*** of the month**.** Call 800.272.3900 or email [helplinegmc@alz.org](mailto:helplinegmc@alz.org) to register

**Contact:**Nate Clark

**Phone:** 616-956-3488

**\* SarahCare Adult Day Center will provide care free of charge during support groups between 9 am and 5 pm. (Dependent on availability and also on COVID safety precautions). They are located at Knapp’s Corner: 2211 E. Beltline, Grand Rapids and Metro Village: 2024 Health Drive, Suite B, Wyoming. Contact intake at 616-528-4003 to schedule an initial assessment. Pre-registration is required for each drop off.**