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Felician Village staff receives dementia training certification

MANITOWOC, Wis. (June 19, 2019) - Seventeen Felician Village staff members recently completed advanced dementia training through the State of Wisconsin as part of the Wisconsin Dementia Care System Redesign. Three certifications were offered: dementia generalist, dementia specialist and dementia crisis response

Those who became certified include Jordan Bitter, Pamela Doberstein, Leslie Edwards, Amber Flessert, Wendy Kuchinski, Tanya Lulloff, Stephanie Madson, Amy Meyer, Sr. Michaelleen Pardowsky, Karwyn Peterson, Timothy Reinemann Jeanna Trestik, Lisa Voda, Sandra Wondrash, Karisha Wynter, Sr. Bernadette Zandonatti and Michelle Meyer.

Today, there are 5.8 million Americans living with Alzheimer's disease with 110,000 diagnosed in Wisconsin and about 1,922 people living with right here in Manitowoc County. Felician Village established the Dementia Center of Excellence to offer support, programming, education and advocacy to the growing number of people in the community affected by Alzheimer's. Felician Village currently has two households dedicated to dementia care, including 16 residents at The Villa (assisted living) and 16 residents at St. Mary's nursing home.

"It is evident there is a need for specialized dementia care," says Connie Thimmig, Director of Enrichment Services at Felician Village. "Staff education is one of the keys. The Dementia Center of Excellence is part of our ongoing commitment to provide the best, most compassionate care possible those affected by Alzheimer's or dementia."

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About Felician Village

Felician Village, a continuing care campus, has been providing housing and services for seniors through rehabilitation, independent living, assisted living and long-term care for more than 130 years. Felician Village is a Catholic organization that welcomes people from all faiths.

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