



BEST FRIENDS *Bistro*

Friendship and social activities enrich everyone's life. For those with dementia, the benefits may boost their mental health and enhance their quality of life.

Spend your lunch hour with us and enjoy a delicious meal served by participants of Elder Day Stay, networking, art raffles, and more!

MAY 8, 2025 | 11AM

GOODWOOD MUSEUM CARRIAGE HOUSE

 **ELDER CARE**
SERVICES, INC.

eldercarebigbend.org



WELCOME TO BEST FRIENDS *Bistro*

Inspired by Japan's innovative approach to senior care, Elder Care Services is highlighting the importance of human connection for older adults, particularly those living with dementia.

Japan, known for its large population of centenarians and designated as a "Blue Zone," offers valuable lessons in longevity. One such example is the "Restaurant of Mistaken Orders" in Tokyo. This unique restaurant employs waiters and waitresses with dementia, where order mix-ups and other service "errors" are not a bug, but a feature. Created by Japanese television director Shiro Oguni, the restaurant aims to shift societal perceptions of aging and cognitive decline. Oguni's inspiration came from a personal experience in a nursing home, where a similar mix-up led him to reconsider his perspective on interacting with individuals facing such challenges.

The "Restaurant of Mistaken Orders" isn't just a Tokyo phenomenon; it's inspiring similar initiatives worldwide, including right here in Tallahassee. It underscores the fact that people living with dementia can be happy, productive, communicative, and gracious. **Instead of viewing dementia as a source of fear and isolation, Elder Care Services promotes a positive and inclusive approach.** Our Elder Day Stay program has demonstrated the benefits of social interaction for decades, fostering well-being and cognitive engagement for our clients.

Elder Day Stay is a cornerstone in our community, providing care and social interaction to those who need it most. Elder Day Stay is a professionally licensed and managed facility designed for older adults who require constant supervision due to their physical or cognitive limitations. It offers structured care in a warm environment staffed by certified employees with years of experience serving this unique population. Activities are scheduled every day to engage the participants, while ensuring their comfort and safety. Elder Day Stay provides caregivers and families the customized assistance they need to keep their loved one at home rather than face long-term care placement.

With the global population aging and dementia rates projected to rise dramatically, Elder Care Services believes that embracing individuals regardless of their cognitive status is crucial. We must break down the barriers of "othering" and foster a more compassionate and inclusive community for everyone.

I hope you will join us for lunch on May 8 to celebrate the importance of friendship and social connections for everyone in our community!



Jocelyne Fliger, MSW
President & CEO





SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS



BEST FRIEND SPONSOR - \$2,500

- Presenting level recognition and logo on all print, digital, and media promotional materials*
- Logo on the Elder Day Stay webpage for 1 year
- Post-event recognition in an e-newsletter sent to over 1,500 community members
- Pre and post-event social media recognition (At least one boosted (paid) post)
- Personal recognition of corporate representative during program presentation
- Logo on event signage
- Logo on art auction printed materials
- 8 tickets with logo signage on assigned table

**media submitted*



FRIENDSHIP SPONSOR - \$1,500

- Level recognition and logo on all print and digital promotional materials
- Post-event recognition in an e-newsletter sent to over 1,500 community members
- Pre and post-event social media recognition (At least one boosted (paid) post)
- Recognition during program portion of the event
- Logo on event signage
- 8 tickets and logo signage on assigned table



COMPANIONSHIP SPONSOR - \$1,000

- Level recognition and logo on all print and digital promotional materials
- Post-event recognition in an e-newsletter sent to over 1,500 community members
- Pre and post-event social media recognition
- Logo on event signage
- 8 tickets and logo signage on assigned table



FELLOWSHIP SPONSOR - \$500

- Logo on digital promotional materials
- Post-event recognition in an e-newsletter sent to over 1,500 community members
- Pre and post-event social media recognition
- 6 tickets and logo signage on assigned table

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Organization Name: _____

Contact Person/Individual Donor: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Number of people in your organization you expect to attend the event: _____

We are only requesting an estimate. You may change this number prior to the event.

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

___ Presenting (\$2,500)

___ Diamond (\$1,500)

___ Platinum (\$1,000)

___ Gold (\$500)

Ticket Purchase:

___ Individual Ticket (\$50)

___ Best Friends Package
(2 Tickets for \$90)

PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION INFORMATION

___ Payment enclosed (Please make checks payable to Elder Care Services)

___ Please invoice or contact me to arrange payment

___ Please contact me about direct deposit payment