



# BEST FRIENDS *Bistro* ♥

Friendships enrich everyone's life! For those with dementia, these connections may also boost their mental health.

Spend your lunch hour with us and enjoy a delicious meal, art auction with special pieces crafted by attendees of Elder Day Stay, and fun with friends!

**MAY 14, 2026 | 11AM**  
**GOODWOOD MUSEUM CARRIAGE HOUSE**

 **ELDER CARE**  
SERVICES, INC.

[eldercarebigbend.org](http://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 14 to celebrate the importance of friendship and social connections for everyone in our community!



Jocelyne Fliger, MSW  
President & CEO





# SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS



## **HEART-TO-HEART SPONSOR - \$5,000**

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



## **BIRDS OF A FEATHER SPONSOR - \$2,500**

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



## **TRUE BLUE FRIEND SPONSOR - \$1,500**

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



## **PEAS IN A POD SPONSOR - \$1,000**

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



## **KINDRED SPIRITS SPONSOR - \$500**

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

For your convenience, sponsorships can be emailed to Cindy Underwood at **underwoodc@ecsbigbend.org** or mailed to **2518 W. Tennessee St., TLH, FL 32304**

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**

\_\_\_ Heart-to-Heart Sponsor (\$5,000)

\_\_\_ Birds of a Feather Sponsor (\$2,500)

\_\_\_ True Blue Friend Sponsor (\$1,500)

\_\_\_ Peas in a Pod Sponsor (\$1,000)

\_\_\_ Kindred Spirits Sponsor (\$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