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MEMORY MATTERS UTAH RECIEVES GRANT FROM ALZHEIMER'S FOUNDATION OF AMERICA

ST. GEORGE, UT — JULY 24, 2017 Memory Matters Utah received a 2017 grant from the Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA) in support of their Early Stage Memory Loss Course and for educational training at caregiver support groups. The grant along with other donations funded the purchase of iPad tablets and software to aid dementia sufferers and their caregivers. The use of tablets and personal instruction will assist clients with both retaining and improving cognitive skills and aid caregivers with developing successful short and long-term care strategies.

"We spent a great deal of time researching equipment and apps to ensure that we had the best possible application for our project," said Luann Lundquist, Memory Matters Founder and Executive Director. "As part of our research on the best apps, we searched the AFA website for both articles and app recommendations." To date staff and volunteers at Memory Matters are working with 12 caregivers and 5 clients with dementia to test the project and give input. "The majority of those being served are from rural communities in the southwest corner of Utah and Arizona as well as the southeast corner of Nevada," said Lundquist. "We are also using the iPads and apps in caregiver support groups and community presentations and using surveys to gage their effectiveness."

Extensive implementation of the project will come in September at the Early Stage Memory Loss Course. The program will utilize the iPads and software during their 10 week course starting on September 12, 2017. Both clients and their caregivers will be using the iPads weekly during the Early Stage Memory Loss Course (ESML). The Alzheimer's Foundation of America's support of the project is helping Memory Matters Utah meet their mission by providing better cognitive education to their clients experiencing memory loss and providing information and assistance to their caregivers. "AFA strongly believes in helping grassroots organizations provide the hands-on programs and services that help individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related illnesses continue to live meaningful lives," said Charles J. Fuschillo, Jr., AFA's president and chief executive officer. "We are proud to help Memory Matters further its efforts in serving their community."

If you would like more information about Memory Matters Utah or sponsored programs and services, call us at: 435-319-0407; or email us at: memorymattersutah@gmail.com

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