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Interactive Theater Program Performed by People With Dementia Comes to Darien on Nov 7

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At Home In Darien is delighted to bring to Darien *To Whom I May Concern*, an interactive theater program performed by people who have been diagnosed with a progressive brain illness such as Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia.

— *an announcement from* [At Home In Darien](#)

Using their own words, these individuals share their stories and experiences with live audiences.

If You're Going ...

- The program (TWIMC) will be shown at 6 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 7. The event will be hosted

at the Mather Center, home of Darien Senior Programs, at 2 Renshaw Road.

- Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and light refreshments will be served.
- If you would like to attend this free event, register by calling At Home In Darien at 203.655.2226 Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

TWIMC and Dementia

“It is our hope that everyone who attends this powerful performance will gain insight and better understand how to integrate people with dementia into the community,” said Gina Blum, executive director of At Home In Darien.

“It’s so important to overcome the fear of a diagnosis and to acquire the tools to interact with those individuals living with dementia.”

A diagnosis of progressive brain disease affects an individual’s entire social network, including caregivers and families. It is difficult to know what to expect, how to act with your loved one, how to care for them, and what they are feeling.

TWIMC provides an opportunity to hear how people with progressive brain disease feel as they explain what it’s like to live with dementia. They express their fear, anger, frustration, hope and determination — often with humor and love.

They also speak about what they need and how they wish to be treated, in a forum that makes it safe and acceptable to have this often difficult conversation.

"We are so fortunate to have TWIMC come to Darien. It is something that everyone should experience in person," said Anne McGuire, RN, CCM, an At Home In Darien Board member and owner of Healthcare Pathfinder.

"The stories from the panelists are so important for everyone to hear and a great opportunity to learn how we, as individuals and a community, can make a difference in the lives of people who are living with Dementia."

The program is made possible by the generous sponsorship of The Residence at Selleck’s Woods.

At Home In Darien is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization whose mission is to help older adults in Darien to live independently, comfortably and with dignity in their own homes for as long as possible. For more information, or to volunteer, please call 203.655.2227 or visit [the website](#).