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Day Haven to Host Educational Event for Professionals and Caregivers Working with Individuals with Dementia

(Ronkonkoma, NY)... Day Haven Adult Day Services will host educational event for family caregivers caring for a person with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia.

On Friday, December 4, 2009, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Naomi Feil, a nationally recognized dementia care and education specialist, will present "Validation: The Feil Method." The Validation Method is a tested model of practice for both professionals and family members who work with confused older adults. Validation helps disoriented people reduce stress, enhance dignity, and increase happiness. This event will take place at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Lake Ronkonkoma, NY.

Naomi Feil, M.S., A.C.S.W., developed the Validation Method as a response to her dissatisfaction with traditional methods of working with severely disoriented older people. Today there are training centers throughout the United States, Japan, and Europe. This is the first time Ms. Feil will be presenting on this topic on Long Island.

"Communicating with disoriented elderly people can be a challenge in the home setting as well as in the doctors office, hospital, nursing home or day care center," states Elizabeth A. Geary, Director of Day Haven. "Ms. Feil offers those us who work with this population the opportunity to gain skills and understanding to make our jobs easier while improving quality of life for the elder," adds Geary.

\$60.00 for professionals, \$30.00 for family caregivers and \$15.00 students. For more information and to register, please call Julie Wexler at (631) 585-2020, ext. 260.

About Day Haven

Day Haven Adult Day Services is a social model adult day care program with centers in Port Jefferson and Ronkonkoma, NY, offering day time care, socialization and therapeutic recreation for frail older adults and those with Alzheimer's or a related dementia. Day Haven's programs for caregivers are funded in part by a Community Service Program Grant from the New York State Department of Health.

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