

The Alzheimer's Association early-stage social engagement programs offer a comfortable way to get out, get active and get connected to others who are living with memory loss, mild cognitive impairment (MCI), early-stage Alzheimer's or dementia, and their care partners. **Memories in the Making®** is a signature art program that allows individuals to express themselves through art and express creativity in an encouraging environment. The program fosters story sharing, being in community and helping individuals continue to live their best life.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with the Memories in the Making Program. Volunteer online training is required. Just a few opportunities include:

Program Facilitators

- Volunteer facilitators make a significant difference in the success of the program. Once trust is established, participants look forward to seeing a new face and telling them their story. The volunteer facilitator will take the Memories in the Making training and assist the staff in guiding the artists and engaging them to talk about their paintings. The volunteer does not teach but helps guide the participant in the art experience. Their primary responsibility is to assist during the painting session and provide support to the staff.

Memories in the Making Tea

- The tea is a special event for the artists and their families. Annually, one of the program members hosts a gathering in their care community featuring a display of the artwork and light refreshments. Volunteer opportunities include set up of the artwork, participation at the event assisting our artists as needed and interacting with family members. All the artwork is available for sale to the family members at this event.

Tabling Events

- Opportunities exist to help promote the Memories in the Making program through tabling events at community locations. This role involves setting up the table and answering questions of those interested in the program.

To get involved, contact:

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