## Managing Your Power of Choice Pam Foti and Jenny Wagner Vesta Senior Network

### **Vesta Senior Network**

- Elder Care Consultants
  - Educators: Help families understand the Care Possibilities and important Financial Considerations
  - Experts: Since 2013, we have helped thousands of families
  - Advocates: Leverage our knowledge and experience of the industry to help people get the best for their loved ones.

## Myth: My mom needs a nursing home Truth:

- Nursing homes are what most people have experienced
- Nursing homes are geriatric hospitals
- Nursing homes provide medical care
- Assisted living communities are designed to be homelike
- Assisted living communities provide personal care

### Myth: Memory Care is a license

- Memory Care is not a specific license in the state of Wisconsin
- Memory Care is programming
- Memory Care is training
- Memory Care is building design

### \$100,000 and a Lexus



- Average assisted living cost: \$7,000/month
- Typical private pay expectation: 2 years or \$168,000
- Power of choice: priceless!

## Myth: "They will just take it all anyway" Truth:

- Title 19/Medicaid/Family Care are government programs
- Assisted living or skilled nursing facilities contract with these programs voluntarily
- Assets are used to pay for the care received
- When assets are exhausted an individual may qualify for public funding



### George and Judy's plan



- Live-in homecare through an agency: \$130,000/year
- Home valued at \$350,000
- Significant income and cash assets

### Costs

- Occasional In-home Care: \$15,000/year
- 24 hour home care: \$250,000/year
- Live-in home care: \$130,000/year
- Assisted Living Care: \$84,000/year
- Skilled Nursing Care: \$168,000/year

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# Funding Options Private Pay Aid and Attendance Benefit ItC Insurance Medicaid / Family Care

