



Volunteer Opportunities

MEMORIES IN THE MAKING® is the signature art program of the Alzheimer's Association. This unique program, introduced in 1988, allows individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias to express themselves through art and communicate or share the essence of who they are.

1. MIM Facilitators

Volunteer facilitators make a significant difference in the success level of a Memories in the Making 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 to help accomplish the goals of the program.

2. Congratulatory calls to families.

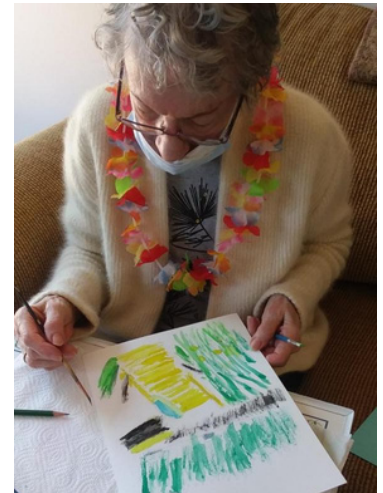
Each year 50 – 70 pieces are chosen from our members' artwork to be featured in exhibits raising awareness for the Memories in the Making program and the mission of the Alzheimer's Association. The role of this volunteer is to personally call the family of the artist to congratulate them, inform them of special events related to the artwork and obtain a brief biography of their loved one (aided by a short questionnaire).

3. Memories in the Making Tea

The tea is a special event for the artists and their families. Each Spring, one of the program members hosts a two hour 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.

4. Hanging and take down of exhibits.

This role involves participating in transporting the artwork and helping to arrange the actual exhibit. This role might also include helping to unload and set up "art walls".



To get involved, contact:

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