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Are You a Caregiver for Someone With Dementia or Other Cognitive Impairment?

U-First!® is an innovative education program for all members of the care team who are supporting people with behaviour changes due to dementia or other cognitive impairment. This includes health care providers in a direct care role and care partners (family and friends). The U-First Framework is a person-centred approach to looking at the whole person.

This program, designed by the Alzheimer Society, is being offered by Robin Hull, Education Coordinator, Alzheimer Society Lanark Leeds Grenville. The program will be delivered in two, three-hour sessions and is offered for free.

This training will help caregivers understand the person and associated behaviour changes, and how to work as a team to develop individualized support strategies.

The program will help you:

- Understand that there can be many reasons why you might see behaviour changes in the person;
- Flag the possible changes that you may see when you are supporting the person;
- Interact in a new way with both skill and a common understanding of dementia and other cognitive impairments;
- Reflect and report on not only new behaviours you may see in the person you are supporting but also share your strategies and tips with the team.
- Support the person and their care partners in everyday activities.
- Know that you are part of an important Team in caring for the person.

Date: Tuesday, April 25 and Wednesday, April 26, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Location: Mississippi Mills Public Library, Almonte Branch, 155 High Street, Almonte

Registration: Sara Burrill, R.N., by phone at 343-262-0902 or email at sara@hhnl.ca

Registration deadline: April 18, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

Maximum attendance: 30



The flyer is for the Alzheimer Society's U-First! program. It features a photograph of a woman and a man sitting together outdoors. The text on the flyer includes the Alzheimer Society logo, the U-First! logo, and a green circle stating 'Registration is FREE'. The main title is 'U-First! for Care Partners'. Below this, it describes the program as an innovative education program for care team members. It lists the dates as Tuesday, April 25 and Wednesday, April 26, 2023, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Mississippi Mills Public Library, Almonte Branch. It also provides contact information for Sara Burrill, RN, including her phone number (343-262-0902) and email (sara@hhnl.ca). The registration deadline is Tuesday, April 18 at 4 p.m., with a maximum attendance of 30. The program is hosted in-person in two 3-hour sessions. The flyer is presented by Home Hospice North / Lanark.

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