



## About Rethinking Dementia: Accelerating Change (RDAC)

- ) Mission is to improve the lives of people affected by dementia by promoting better access to quality supports and services.
- ) A community collaborative, founded by organizations in West Michigan with a shared interest in dementia.
- ) Community partners are intentionally diverse, and include retirement communities, social service providers, major health systems, legal and financial services, local universities, behavioral health providers, and a food service company.
- ) Created a virtual center for dementia information, called Dementia Services Michigan, that connects people in West Michigan with local services and resources.
- ) Aims to educate and support the health care community on how to help people with dementia.
- ) Was founded in 2015 when Clark Retirement Community and Holland Home joined together to host a Dementia Summit in Grand Rapids. The organization was formed as an outgrowth of the Summit and more partners were brought in to the initiative.
- ) Current RDAC Community Partners:
  - o Alzheimer's Association
  - o Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan
  - o Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan
  - o Clark Retirement Community
  - o Gordon Food Service
  - o Grand Wealth Management
  - o Grand Valley State University
  - o Holland Home
  - o Mercy Health Saint Mary's
  - o Metro Health University of Michigan Health
  - o MSU College of Human Medicine
  - o Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services
  - o Reliance Community Care Partners
  - o Samaritas Senior Living
  - o Varnum LLP