Innovative Philosophy of Care....

Innovators in their approach, Johanna Wigg and Cheryl Golek set out to prove that long-term care for elders living with dementing illnesses could be enhanced in a compassionate, home environment.

Advocates for the care of a vulnerable population in American society, their passion shows that this population can be cared for in a more humane manner, far greater than traditional settings.

Over 20 years later, The Vicarage demonstrates the model is feasible and successful.

Johanna and Cheryl invite you to visit, or call to talk about your loved one. Learn more about The Vicarage philosophy and dementia on our website





Opening Doors for those Living with Dementia

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Long-term Dementia Care, Aging in Place

The Vicarage is a small, residential dementia care home perched on the shores of beautiful, private Curtis Cove in Harpswell, Maine. The home is situated on a wooded lot with lovely flower gardens and a bird garden in the back. The Vicarage offers single and double rooms overlooking the ocean and beautiful gardens.

Comprehensive care is provided from early stage through the end of life, allowing residents to age in place without transitions.

Creating a home environment, where residents can age in place, is a philosophy of The Vicarage. Stability in residence, relationships and routine eliminates the stress of transitions for the person living with dementia, thereby enhancing their overall well-being.

Superior 1-to-4 Staff to Resident Ratio

Our staff honor the experiences of each person through attentive, personalized care: including, but not limited to dressing, bathing, toileting, managing medication, eating, ambulation assistance and incontinence management.

Specialized, Person Centered Care

At The Vicarage, the whole person is recognized as the center of the care model. Our focus includes the social, emotional and psychological needs of our residents. Person-centered dementia care can reduce anxiety, stress, confusion, anger, sadness and other challenges of dementing illnesses. It is a founding principle of our care.

Freedom Trail

The Freedom trail, a handicapped accessible path, meanders through woods and ends at a sitting area overlooking Casco Bay, giving residents a safe, serene & private place to reflect and enjoy the stunning natural beauty and benefit from its healing qualities.

We're not an institution trying to recreate a home-like environment. We are home.

Home-cooked meals, children playing, beloved pets, vegetables growing in the garden, family outings, and nature walks on our Freedrom Trail.

The Vicarage is the only home in Maine offering true, person-centered dementia care based on the Eden Alternative. Less stress, more comfort, and no more transitions - from now until the end of life.









Daily life includes yoga, outdoor walks, gardening, spending time with family and children of all ages, art & music, home cooked meals, and more!