

*** Media Alert ***

Is the St. Paul Community Prepared for the Alzheimer's Crisis? The Press is invited to attend

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WHAT: Leaders and stakeholders from six St. Paul neighborhoods will come together in a community discussion to increase the St. Paul area's support for residents who are touched by Alzheimer's disease.

WHEN: Tuesday, February 12, 2013, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

WHERE: St. Catherine's University - Recital Hall adjacent to O'Shaughnessy Auditorium

Parking available in the Guest Parking Lot behind the Recital Hall (enter Gate 3 from Randolph Ave) or the O'Shaughnessy Lot (enter Gate 4 from Fairview Ave).

WHO: Panel includes

- Chris Coleman, Mayor of St. Paul
- Yvonne Prettnner-Solon, Lieutenant. Governor of Minnesota
- Chris Tolbert, St. Paul City Council Member
- Dawn Simonson, Executive Director, Metropolitan Area Association on Aging
- Susan Spalding, Executive Director, Alzheimer's Association Minnesota & North Dakota
- Olivia Mastry, ACT on Alzheimer's Lead Executive
- Georgia Lane, Dementia Pathways Program Director at Carondelet Village.

Organized and hosted by a collaboration of organizations including, ACT on Alzheimer's, Carondelet Village, Wilder Foundation, The Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging, The St. Paul Advisory Committee on Aging, and the Alzheimer's Association of Minnesota and North Dakota.

WHY: As Minnesota experiences a historic increase in its older population over the next 40 years, the number of people with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias is expected to double for people ages 75-84 and triple for those over age 85. Younger onset Alzheimer's, occurring in people under age 65, is also on the rise, accounting for 10% of all individuals with dementia. The rise of Alzheimer's in Minnesota will bring enormous cost and burden to individuals with the disease, their families, caregivers, employers, communities and the state.

About ACT on Alzheimer's: The Action Community Team (ACT) on Alzheimer's is a voluntary, state-wide collaboration of medical, academic, community, government, business and nonprofit stakeholders across Minnesota seeking to implement the ADWG recommendations and other needed system change. ACT on Alzheimer's is organized under a unique collaborative structure that is intended to foster collective ownership and accountability for furthering the ACT on Alzheimer's vision. No single organization owns, funds or controls the initiative. Instead, the vision and goals are furthered through collective contributions of over 150 participants, including over 50 nonprofit, governmental and private sector organizations. For more information, visit www.actonalz.org.

About Carondelet Village: Carondelet Village senior living community is a joint venture of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, St. Paul Province, and Presbyterian Homes & Services (PHS) offering a full continuum of housing and services care including senior apartments, assisted living, memory care and

skilled nursing care. At its heart is Carondelet Circle that provides a broad array of care and programs for residents and the greater community. Carondelet Village is the convener for ACT on Alzheimer's. For more information, visit www.carondeletvillage.org.

About the Amherst H. Wilder Foundation: The Amherst H. Wilder Foundation is a non-profit public charity and social services organization combining direct service, research and community initiatives to address the needs of vulnerable people in Saint Paul and the surrounding east metro area. For more information, visit www.wilder.org

About the Alzheimer's Association of Minnesota and North Dakota: The Alzheimer's Association Minnesota-North Dakota has been providing services, information, and advocacy for more than 30 years to people with dementia, their families and health care providers. Since 1979, the donor-supported, nonprofit Alzheimer's Association has provided reliable information and care consultation; created supportive services for families; increased funding for dementia research; and influenced public policy changes. For more information, visit www.alz.org.

About The Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging (MAAA): The Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging is the designated area agency on aging for the seven county metropolitan area. Area agencies on aging were established under the [Older Americans Act](#) (OAA) in 1973 to respond to the needs of Americans aged 60 and over in every local community. For more information go to www.tcaging.org.

About the St. Paul Advisory Committee on Aging: This committee is responsible for identifying the needs and contributions of seniors, and advising the Mayor regarding city ordinances affecting older adults. The Advisory Committee works on issues related to promoting the dignity and independence of Saint Paul's aging population, work to improve inter-generational opportunities in the city, and Advocate on issues that impact seniors

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