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Don't forget to check out the Butterfly Garden display. To learn more, visit our website at www.agealive.org, and like us on Facebook!

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Special thanks to the following individuals and organizations who helped make the 2023 MSU AgeAlive Research Forum a success:

2023 Keynote Presenter Brenda Roberts
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2023 MSU AgeAlive Research Forum

Living a Purposeful Life with Dementia

Thursday, April 27, 2023
9 am - 1 pm

MSU Federal Credit Union
Community Room – Farm Lane Branch
4825 Mt. Hope Rd
East Lansing, Michigan

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Event Schedule

9:00 – 9:30 am: Doors & Registration Open
Continental Breakfast (Amy's Catering)

9:30 – 9:50 am: Welcome & Opening Remarks
Clare Luz, Ph.D., Director, MSU AgeAlive, and Associate Professor,
Department of Family and Community Medicine, College of Osteopathic Medicine
& Deborah Harrison, M.A., Advisor, MSU AgeAlive, and Founder,
Michael Harrison Fund for Alzheimer's and Dementia Care

9:50 – 10:30 am: 2023 Research Gems Panelists:

**Supporting Dementia Care via Technology:
Introduction of Trualta and PISTA**
Fei Sun, Ph.D., Professor, MSU School of Social Work

Spring into Dementia Risk Reduction
Scott E. Counts, Ph.D., Associate Professor, MSU Department of Translational
Neuroscience, Department of Family Medicine, College of Human Medicine

Health Disparities in Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias
Irving E. Vega, Ph.D., Red Cedar Distinguished Professor, MSU College of Human
Medicine and Associate Professor, Department of Translational Neuroscience

10:30 – 10:40 am: Break

**10:40 – 11:20 am: Keynote: Persons Living with Dementia
Transforming the World View of Neurocognitive Disorders**
Brenda Roberts, M.A., Executive Director, National Council of Dementia Minds

**11:20 am – 12:00 pm: Videos & Panel, Persons Living with Dementia
Promoting Well-being Through Education and Advocacy**
(Moving, firsthand, personal stories about living one's best life with dementia)

12:00 – 12:30 pm: Q & A
Interactive discussion with the Dementia Minds panelists

12:30 – 1:00 pm: Visit Agency Resource Tables &
Meet Carol Monson, D.O., M.S., Author of *Aging Optimally:
Essential Tools for Healing Pain of Body, Mind, and Spirit*

Keynote Presenter



*Persons Living with Dementia Transforming the World
View of Neurocognitive Disorders*

*Brenda Roberts, M.A., Executive Director
National Council of Dementia Minds*

Brenda Roberts serves as the Executive Director of the National Council of Dementia Minds. Brenda's husband, Mark, was diagnosed with young-onset dementia in 2014. Together they made the intentional decision to live their best lives possible and to surround themselves with like-minded people.

The National Council of Dementia Minds has quickly become a national force driving social reform related to dementia. Michigan is the home of this organization, which is the first nonprofit in the United States to be founded and governed by persons living with dementia. Learn how people living with dementia are changing the worldview of Neurocognitive Disorders one small group at a time.

Following her keynote, Brenda will help facilitate a video and panel discussion. This session will provide an opportunity to learn firsthand about living with dementia from individuals who have a dementia diagnosis. A moving video presentation that they have created will be shown, followed by an opportunity to engage with the panelists in a candid Q&A session. They will discuss how participation in the education and advocacy activities of the National Council of Dementia Minds has positively impacted their wellbeing and quality of life.

