

# Alzheimer's Conference this weekend in Grand Rapids

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GRAND RAPIDS, MICH. - In Michigan, an estimated 200,000 people suffer from dementia according to the Michigan Department of Community Health. There is no cure, but good communication and collaboration between providers helps those who have dementia maintain a higher quality of life.

Professionals, caregivers and others affected by dementia and Alzheimer's Disease are invited to attend a conference on April 21.

The conference is a joint venture with [Samaritas \(https://www.samaritas.org/\)](https://www.samaritas.org/) and [Wayne State University's Institute of Gerontology \(http://www.iog.wayne.edu/\)](http://www.iog.wayne.edu/) and the Alzheimer's Association Greater Michigan Chapter.

It will be held at [Pine Rest Postma Center \(https://www.pinerest.org/\)](https://www.pinerest.org/) at 300 68th Street SE, Grand Rapids MI 49548 from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Topics will include disabilities and the risk of dementia, the crossroads of aging, LGBT and dementia, and sexual expression/physical intimacy with dementia among others.

The aim of the conference is to bring together the community and professionals to help work together to make a dementia friendly community and address issues facing those with dementia and Alzheimer's.

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