

# Effingham Dementia Friendly Community Initiative

Initiated and led by the Midland Area Agency on Aging and the Effingham Area Alzheimer's Awareness group, Dementia Friendly Effingham has created a cross-sector taskforce includes partnerships with Effingham's mayor, Effingham's Chief of Police, Effingham Library, Effingham's Chamber of Commerce, St Anthony's Hospital, individuals living with dementia and their caregivers, leading local businesses, the Alzheimer's Association, senior service agencies, etc. The taskforce's main project is to provide dementia friendly community training in order to increase awareness throughout the city of Effingham on the basics of dementia and strategies to become more dementia friendly and some individual dementia friends training as well. The taskforce plans to continue spreading the awareness and understanding of being a dementia friendly community in order for persons living with dementia and their caregivers to remain in their communities and not to become socially isolated.

