

TESTIMONIALS:

The Gathering Place &

Common Ground

This spring, the Gathering Place participants enjoyed great Barbershop musical entertainment.

“The Gathering Place is my SANITY. It keeps me able to not “burn out” and take better care of my husband. Common Ground gives me so much information that helps me take better care of my husband and MY SELF. I went for several years without any help and Common Ground is wonderful. It is needed very much.”



Singing and dancing are always fun at the Gathering Place!

“Common Ground is an excellent opportunity to share experiences and problems, and learn from other caregivers how they are coping. This program is a valuable source of information. Thank you for sharing and providing this ministry.”



The musical entertainment is always ‘top of the line!’

“The Gathering is a wonderful blessing for me. It provides a safe, welcoming place for Bill to spend time with other people and share in activities. It is a gift I can’t provide for him on a regular basis. It is also such a blessing for me to have some time for myself.”



Movement and music are fun for everyone...

“The Gathering is just about the only place my mom smiles and is happy for any length of time. Thank you for all your help, not only for my mom, but for my whole family.”



The “Octoband” is a great routine for exercise and smiles.

“The Gathering volunteers are wonderful, and make the attendees feel so special. This opportunity to have respite care is beyond description in HELP for me. I cannot express how much I appreciate being able to have this time for myself. Everyone is wonderful. Lloyd is so happy to participate in the fun events, and always enjoys lunch. Thanks from the bottom of my heart for your loving care, while I can enjoy a bit of free time.”



Mardi Gras is a time for celebrating with friends as we dance in the parade while singing “When the Saints go Marching In.”

“The Gatherings/Common Ground have been a great blessing for my father and myself. The enthusiastic and welcoming volunteers at the Gathering make my dad feel welcomed and loved. They really brighten his day. I have met some incredibly brave and loving people through Common Ground...”



Santa delivers gifts to all as we celebrate Christmas at the Gathering Place.



...It's good to be able to laugh or cry with people who really understand your situation, and how drastically your life has changed when the diagnosis of dementia is given, and how it continues every day as the disease progresses. The Common Grounds and the caregivers conferences are a Godsend. You learn so many helpful tips for surviving and going into the future."