"The Dance of Belonging: Finding New Avenues of Expression for Persons Living with Dementia"

An acclaimed workshop about new insights in dementia care that will engage your audience like no other...

**The Presentation**

Using evocative scenes from over 15 videos, “The Dance of Belonging: Finding New Avenues of Expression for Persons Living With Dementia” compares how we used to think about Alzheimer’s and other forms of dementia to how we are learning to see them today—and the extreme difference this new awareness makes in the lives of those who have a dementia disability, and for those who care for them.

This dynamic presentation will reach your audience at an emotive level, both challenging and changing their perceptions of dementia—and of what persons with dementia are able to be and do if given the right atmosphere and the right tools of expression.

**Central to this presentation is the concept of**

“belonging” - being connected - which is crucial both to one’s understanding of dementia, and to preserving the well-being of persons who are living with it.

The presentation uses several video clips to show firsthand how thinking differently about dementia will lead to new ways of enriching the lives of those who have a dementia disability. Mr. Vanden Bosch uses examples of music, painting, dance, and theatre to show how anyone can create new avenues for persons with dementia to communicate and remain connected with others, their environment, and themselves.

**Viewer Comments:**

“Inspiring! Cutting Edge! Wow! Best presentation ever! I could have listened all day. My programs will always use music after that! He was wonderful!”
- Comments from the Illinois Activity Professionals Association Conference, Rockford, IL

“It was one of the most insightful, moving, person-centered keynotes I have heard in a long time. Jim really gets it when it comes to caring for elders.”
- Deb Greiner, Director of Alzheimer’s Services, Dekalb County Rehab and Nursing Center, Dekalb, IL

Now eligible for 1 or 1.5 continuing education hours!
James Vanden Bosch is the founder and Executive Director of Terra Nova Films, a not-for-profit entity that has produced multiple award-winning films on a variety of aging-related issues, including several videos on best practices in communicating and working with persons who have dementia. Taking what he has learned in the production of these videos, and combining it with up-to-date research and clips from other insightful videos, Mr. Vanden Bosch has pulled together a unique tapestry of visual learning that reaches where ordinary “talks” cannot go.

**Viewer Comments:**

“He really opened my eyes to focus on what persons with dementia can do.”

 “[The clips] allow you to see how varying techniques work for a person. They show you actions speak louder than words.”

“Highly effective for visually demonstrating dementia and Alzheimer’s, and the impact of physical touch, attitudes (anger, frustration, etc.), and various types of interactions. Again - great presenter.”

**Who will benefit from “The Dance of Belonging” presentation...**

- All long-term care staff - including administrators, marketers, social workers, direct care staff, nurses, and activity professionals
- Family caregivers
- Medical office staff and physicians
- Occupational, physical, and speech therapists
- Hospitals and acute care staff
- Medical students of all types
- Anyone who wants to learn more about dementia

**To schedule a presentation of ”The Dance of Belonging”:**

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