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Dear Faithful Friend,

We are so appreciative of your past support. Thanks to you, **Acacia** was able to provide adult day care and adult day health care services to **225 individuals** last year. **Your donation made the difference!**



Today, you can help ensure that seniors, individuals with dementia, and those with disabilities, residing in our community continue to receive the care and support they need and deserve. Although the State has announced budget cuts that will affect critical social services such as adult day care services, at **Acacia** we know that the need for our programs is great. **Every 8 seconds another baby boomer turns 65** which will increase the need for specialized services both for participants and for caregivers.

For **over 31 years**, **Acacia's** programs have enabled **over 7,000 loved ones** to remain at home for as long as possible, either independently or with family members, their caregivers. You have helped the caregivers by making it possible for them to remain in the workforce, providing respite from their 24/7 duties, and assisting them with support and education.

With your help, we will continue to meet the growing need in our community through our **Envisioning Acacia** campaign. We are pleased to introduce you to our exciting new programs:

- **"Acacia FIT"** will expand our services to provide a program for the higher functioning individual that is more focused on fitness and exercise, utilizing our personal fitness equipment.



- **Expanded Caregiver Support** will provide care managers who will make home visits to do assessments, arrange for services, and help long-distance caregivers in their efforts to provide the loving care they want for their family member.

In addition, the Alzheimer's Association reports that **1 in 8 Americans age 65 and over will have Alzheimer's disease**. To meet the growing need for this population, **Acacia** is excited to announce **two new programs that will launch in June**, and **expand our current programs** to provide specialized services for individuals with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias:



- **“Acacia Secure”** will be staffed with experts in dementia-specific care, and will offer programming that focuses on small group therapeutic activities such as:
 - Programs to maintain brain health
 - Exercises to maintain physical balance
 - Outtings to museums, libraries, and parks

- **“Volunteers for Alzheimer’s”** is a collaborative effort with the **Alzheimer’s Association, Orange County Chapter**. **Acacia** will be the first neighborhood “hub” location for this program. Individuals diagnosed with early onset dementia will participate in meaningful social activities they can enjoy with their care partner and other early onset individuals. The volunteer program is designed to help the participants feel valued and connected to the community.



Our goal this year is to raise **\$500,000 with our Envisioning Acacia** campaign to help advance these programs, as well as maintain our current services. **We need your help!** Your donation will take us one step closer to bringing these new programs to our Acacia community.

From all of the hundreds of individuals we have and will serve every year, **thank you for your past support**. We look forward to your continuing partnership in providing these new programs to those yet to be helped.

Sincerely,

Mallory Vega
Executive Director

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