

FRIENDS FOR LIFE



Sidney (l) and Frank(r) get tickled playing bridge at Amazing Place.

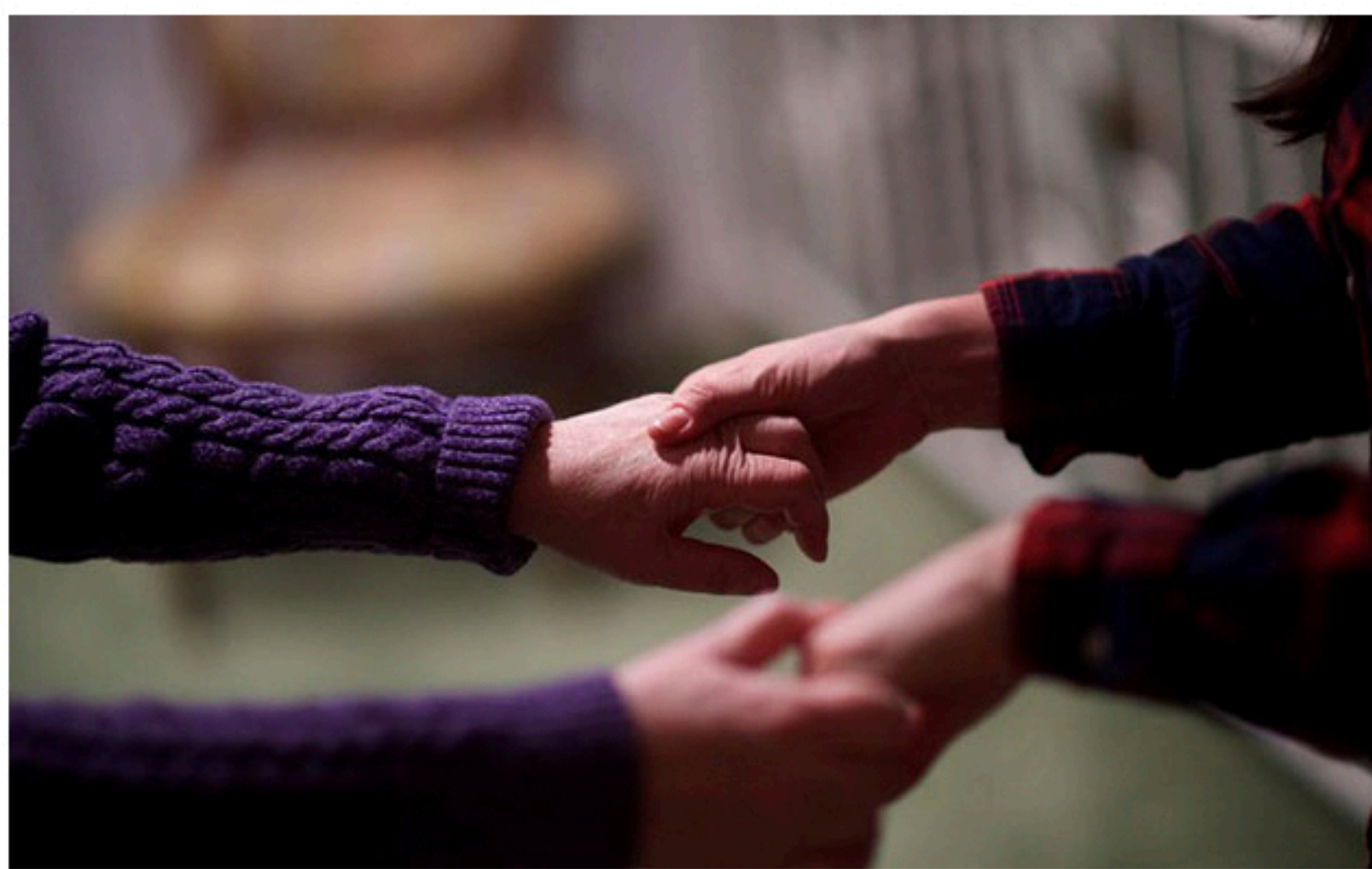
In a recent bridge game, Frank chided Sidney, "You better keep your eyes on the cards, because you won't know them by memory." They both belly-laughed, recognizing the great irony in that statement.

One was an affable, popular and adored constitutional law professor at UH for 42 years, earning many accolades and teaching excellence awards. The other was an affable, popular and adored pediatrician for 50 years, founding the well-respected Pediatric Medical Group. Each touched the lives of thousands of Houstonians—one, inspiring students and the other, caring for his young patients and their parents. Both loved to have fun in their jobs--the law professor was known to write "legal" lyrics to show tunes to help his students learn; the pediatrician was known to wear a Superman cape to entertain his patients.

Sidney Buchanan, the law professor, and Frank Hill, the pediatrician, have been friends for the last four decades. Their connection began on the youth soccer field when Dale, Frank's wife, and Sidney coached together while Frank lined the fields. Frank was also pediatrician for some of Sidney's children. Throughout the years, Dale, Frank, Sidney and his wife, Nell, have maintained their friendship, participating in a couple's book club and attending opera together.

Today, the four have something else in common. Both Sidney and Frank have dementia and are participants at Amazing Place. They can often be found playing bridge together, in creative writing class or interacting in a discussion about history or music. Both approach their dementia the way they have always approached their lives. With positivity, acceptance and even humor. At Amazing Place, we are grateful that we can play a small role in helping Sidney and Frank continue their friendship in this chapter of their lives.

DEMENTIA IS A FAMILY AFFAIR



Those who have been touched by dementia know full well its impact on the entire family. Emotional. Physical. Financial. It is the reason caregiver support and education is such an integral part of our mission. Below are some of our upcoming programs to support caregivers:

Powerful Tools for Caregivers

The six-week "Powerful Tools for Caregivers" course will be held Thursdays, from 9:30am to 11:30pm starting March 9th through April 13th. Class is limited and registration is required. For more information or to sign up, please contact Carol Cooper at ccooper@amazingplacehouston.org or 713-552-0420.

Memory Café

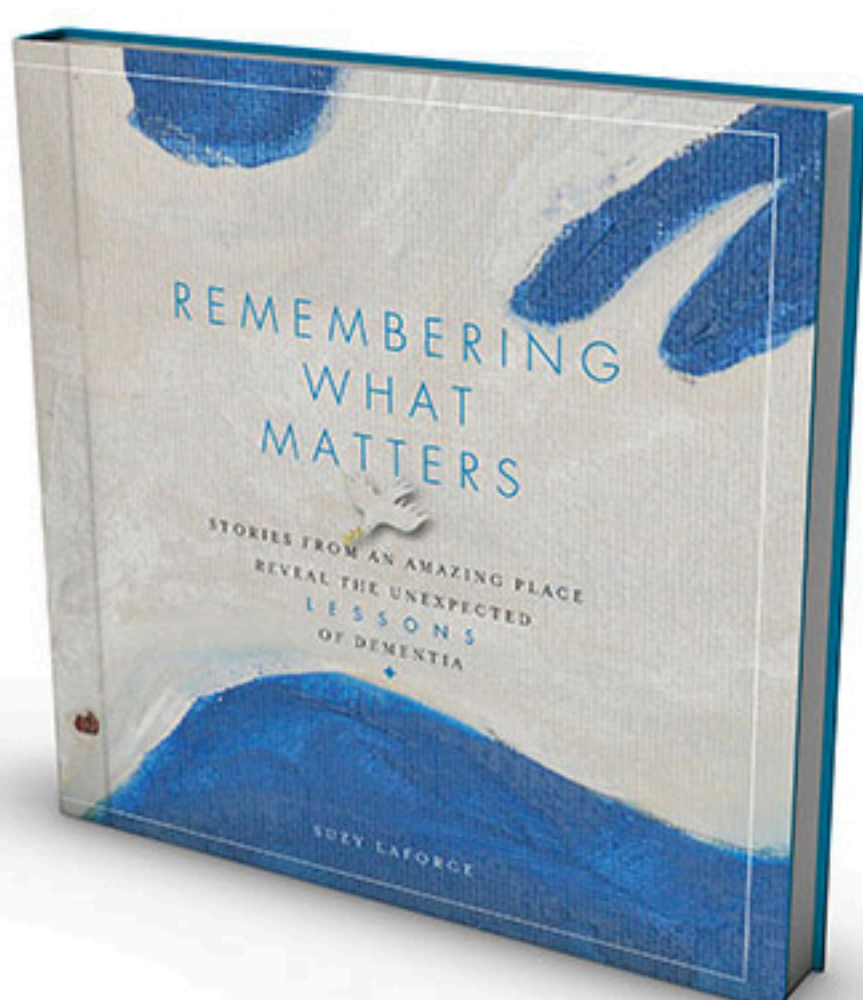
Every second Saturday of the month from 10am-12pm, caregivers and those with early stage dementia can attend a casual program at Amazing Place with activities, coffee and conversation. For more information, contact eunverzagt@amazingplacehouston.org.

Caregiver support groups

Every fourth Thursday of the month from 4:30-6pm, Amazing Place offers a free caregiver support group, open to anyone in the community dealing with the challenges of caring for a loved one with dementia. No reservations required.

Caregiver Education

St. John the Divine Church (2450 River Oaks Boulevard) will host the Interfaith Care Partners mini-conference, *Powerful Lessons for Living*, on Saturday, March 25th from 8-11:45am. Suzy LaForge, AP Marketing Director and author of the Amazing Place book, *Remembering What Matters: Stories From an Amazing Place Reveal the Unexpected Lessons of Dementia* will be one of the featured speakers, discussing the inspiring stories featured in the book. RSVP at www.interfaithcarepartners.org or 713.682.5995.



Remembering What Matters can be purchased [here](#) or at local bookstores, Amazon and Barnes and Noble.



AP Participant, Sally Sweigart, with her son and caregiver, Michael, at an Amazing Place event

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