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**Day Haven Adult Day Services and The Bristol Assisted Living Communities  
to Establish Long Island's First Memory Cafe**

(Ronkonkoma, NY)... Day Haven Adult Day Services and The Bristol Assisted Living have partnered to establish Long Island's first Memory Café – "*Our Place Memory Café*". This monthly program is free and open to individuals with Alzheimer's disease/related dementia and their family care partners.

Our Place Memory Cafe is a place where individuals with cognitive impairment and memory loss and their loved ones can socialize with others facing similar challenges in a stress-free and stigma free environment. There will be entertainment, dessert, mutual support and access to information on community resources.

"The challenges of living with memory loss can sever social connection at a time when it is needed most," says Elizabeth Geary, LMSW, M.Ed., Director of Day Haven. Our Place Memory Café offers people with cognitive impairment and their loved ones an engaging place to laugh, learn and remain socially engaged.

Memory Cafes originated in the Netherlands and came to the United States in 2008. Janine Valentiner, Director of Business Development at The Bristol says "We are proud to be the first Memory Café on Long Island because we see a great need for this service. Social isolation can be an issue for people with dementia. We all need a place to be ourselves."

The first Memory Café will be held on Thursday, April 17, 2014 at Butera's Restaurant of Sayville, 100 South Main Street, Sayville, NY 11782.

All sessions will take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. Reservations are required and can be made by calling Lori Maldavir at Day Haven at (631) 585-2020 x261.

About Day Haven Adult Day Services

Day Haven Adult Day Services is a social model adult day care program with centers in Port Jefferson and Ronkonkoma, NY, offering day time care and therapeutic recreation for frail older adults and those with Alzheimer's or a related dementia. Day Haven's support services for caregivers are funded in part by the NYS Department of Health, Alzheimer's Disease Community Service Program.

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