

**AVINITY SENIOR LIVING TO HOST FREE EDUCATIONAL SESSION ON DEMENTIA**

**Richfield, MN - (5.6.16) - Avinity Senior Living (“Avinity”) will host “An Evening with Dr. Joseph Gaugler, Ph.D. - A Proactive Approach to Dementia” on Wednesday, May 18**

*An Evening with Dr. Joseph Gaugler, Ph.D. - A Proactive Approach to Dementia* is intended to benefit individuals, families and healthcare professionals experiencing the impact of dementia either themselves or as a caregiver for someone with dementia.

This event is free and open to the public. Keynote address begins at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 18 at Mainstreet Village of Richfield, 7601 Lyndale Avenue South. Light refreshments and dessert will be served. RSVP is requested by May 16 to Jennifer Zarth at 612.396.4996 or JZarth@AvinitySeniorLiving.org.

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**About Joseph E. Gaugler, Ph.D.**

Dr. Gaugler, a professor in the School of Nursing at The University of Minnesota, researches the sources and effectiveness of long-term care for older adults with Alzheimer’s disease and memory loss. Dr. Gaugler’s interests include the ramifications of family care for adults with dementia, the effectiveness of community-based and psychosocial services for older adults with memory concerns and their caregiving families, and the social integration of residents in nursing homes, assisted living and family care.

**About Avinity**

Avinity, a non-profit, faith-based organization, owns and manages senior living communities throughout the Twin Cities and greater Minnesota, including Buhl, Hermantown, Hibbing, Hoyt Lakes, McGregor, Park Rapids and Proctor. Avinity combines extensive management experience with a compassionate faith-based environment to create exceptional communities where aging is all about living well. Older adults can thrive in their social, spiritual and personal lives, and their families can have peace of mind knowing their loved ones are safe, secure and well cared for.

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