

Public Press Release

Charities working together The Freemasons Provincial Grand Master for Essex, RW.Bro. John Michael Webb presented a cheque for £38,500 to Barbara Stephens, Chief Executive of the '**for Dementia**' charity at a gathering at the Prince Edward Duke of Kent Court, residential care home situated at Stisted Nr Braintree, Essex.



The cheque was presented on behalf of the Freemasons Grand Charity and will be used to develop and deliver training to staff at six homes which provide specialist care for residents with dementia.

The aim of the training programme is to provide care staff with an in-depth knowledge of, and enhance their skills in, providing care for people with dementia, thereby improving quality and standards of care as well as the quality of life for people with dementia.

The training will be delivered as a rolling programme in the 6 residential homes with dementia support units: Connaught Court in York, Devonshire Court in Leicester, Cornwallis Court in Bury St Edmunds, Prince Edward Duke of Kent in Braintree, Prince Michael of Kent in Watford, Shannon Court in Hindhead.

The programme will cover:

- Person Centred Care,
- Communicating with People with Dementia,
- Developing Positive Relationships with Family Carers
- Loss, Stress and Change in Dementia
- Making the Day Meaningful for People with Dementia

Among other things, the '**for Dementia**' charity is committed to the promotion and development of **Admiral Nursing** - a specialist nursing intervention focused on meeting the needs of carers and families of people with dementia. They also provide high quality training for professionals working with older people, carers and people with dementia.

It is hoped that this partnership will be beneficial for all concerned, particularly the residents and staff at the homes.

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