

The Murray Alzheimer Research and Education Program (MAREP), a major division of the RBJ Schlegel-UW Research Institute for Aging (RIA) at the University of Waterloo, is an innovative program that adopts a partnership approach and integrates research and education activities in an effort to improve dementia care practices in Canada and beyond.

### Dr. Richard Taylor

Dr. Richard Taylor, was diagnosed with dementia in 2003. Since then, he has been a strong advocate for the dementia cause. Richard fervently believes that if people with dementia don't speak up and speak out, others will never truly understand what it's like to live with and in the disease. Dr. Taylor will open up the workshop by addressing the theme of inclusiveness and the importance of working *with* not *for* persons with dementia.



### Workshop location:

89 Chestnut Conference Centre  
89 Chestnut Street,  
Toronto, ON M5G 1R1  
416-977-0707



### Accommodations:

Metropolitan Hotel (across from 89 Chestnut Conference Centre)  
108 Chestnut Street  
Toronto, ON M5G 1R3  
Phone: 416-977-5000,  
Toll free: 1-800-668-6600  
Website: <http://metropolitan.com/toronto>

Be sure to mention the **A Changing Melody** to obtain the special discounted rate of \$169.00 per night plus applicable taxes. Reservation deadline is **October 31, 2008**.



## Creating Partnerships in Dementia: A Changing Melody (ACM) Toolkit Workshop

...learn how to plan and implement forums specifically designed by and for persons with early-stage dementia and their family partners in care

**Friday November 14,  
2008**

1:00 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.

89 Chestnut Conference Centre  
89 Chestnut Street, Toronto  
Giovanni Room, 2nd Floor

**Special Guest Speaker:  
Dr. Richard Taylor**



# Creating Partnerships in Dementia

## Why attend the workshop?

Over the past several years, MAREP has worked closely with persons with dementia, family partners in care and professionals on the development of *A Changing Melody (ACM)*, a one-day forum designed specifically by and for persons with early stage memory loss and their family members. Systematic evaluation of this and other projects has allowed us a rich opportunity to learn effective ways to mobilize and sustain authentic partnerships with all involved in dementia care, including persons with dementia. We are now in a position to teach others how to plan and implement similar forums in their own communities by highlighting the importance of partnerships. Strong partnerships in dementia care and support are essential if we ever hope to meet the needs of persons with dementia and their families and ensure the highest quality of life for all who experience dementia. Locally offered forums similar to ACM are critical if we hope to build stronger and more supportive dementia communities. Learn how you can be an innovator in dementia care and support!

## Who should attend?

This workshop is designed for professionals, persons with dementia, family partners in care, and anyone interested in learning more about planning and implementing their own ACM forums and in creating partnerships with all those involved in dementia care and support. As such, we strongly recommend that you come to the workshop with colleagues, peers, friends and family members so that you leave at the end of the day already on your way to building strong partnerships.

## What can you expect?

The purpose of this workshop is to share with others what we have learned over the past several years by introducing the *A Changing Melody* toolkit.

At the end of the workshop you will:

- understand the key planning principles guiding *A Changing Melody*
- understand the key principles required for creating partnerships in dementia
- have practical strategies for enabling strong partnerships
- recognize the challenges of a partnership approach and identify practical solutions to those challenges
- understand the personal and societal impacts of a partnership approach
- be prepared to plan and implement *A Changing Melody* forums and other partnership projects in your own community

For the full effect and to experience such a partnership event firsthand, we invite you to also attend the *A Changing Melody* forum which will take place Saturday, November 15th, 2008 also at 89 Chestnut Conference Centre. **If you decide to register for both events, your fee for this workshop will be discounted** (see registration form on the next panel for discounted registration fees).



## Creating Partnerships in Dementia: ACM Toolkit Workshop Registration

Note: Registration fee includes refreshments and a copy of the *A Changing Melody* Toolkit. A \$10.00 processing fee will be charged to those who cancel on or before October 31, 2008—no cancellation refund after that date.

Name—Please print clearly \_\_\_\_\_

Agency or Organization (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Registration Fees (CDN Funds, GST Included)

ACM Toolkit workshop — **\$75.00**

ACM Toolkit workshop (discounted fee with registration to ACM Forum on November 15th) — **\$50.00**

### Method of Payment—please check one

Cheque or money order, payable to: "University of Waterloo"

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Please fax or mail your registration form to:

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Waterloo, ON N2L 3G1  
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Tel: 519-888-4567, Ext. 32920

Or

Register Online!  
A registration form is available online at:  
**www.marep.uwaterloo.ca**