

BRINGING THE GIFT OF LEGACY TO YOUR COMMUNITY

“We live in a time and place that allows older people to disappear from view and then leave this life without being known by others. Every human life has or should have a legacy.” -William H. Thomas M.D., Co-Founder of The Eden Alternative

IT’S ABOUT...

- ***Relationships...***

Learning each other's stories forges meaningful relationships that inspire growing and becoming for all involved. *Embracing Elderhood* relies on the notion that to truly care for someone, you must first have a deeper understanding of who they are and where they have been.

- ***Building bridges...***

Our goal is to weave Elders back into the social fabric of their local communities -- no matter where they live, nursing home or your neighborhood -- one relationship at a time. Through *Embracing Elderhood*, your commitment to culture change ripples far beyond the walls of your organization!

- ***Giving and receiving ...***

There is an African saying that equates the passing of an Elder to the loss of a library. When Elders are able to share the legacy of their life stories, we strike the first blow against helplessness and isolation and reclaim the vital role they play in our society. The result is an exchange of “gifts” between Storyteller and Recording Partner – the gift of wisdom, the gift of time, the gift of knowing you’ve touched someone’s life.

EMBARK ON AN ENRICHING JOURNEY...

This inspiring program...

- **Celebrates the unique individuality of each Elder**
- **Alleviates, loneliness, helplessness, and boredom**
- **Offers meaningful activity for all involved**
- **Fosters meaningful connections**
- **Builds a committed volunteer base**
- **Engages families & gives them the gift of their loved one’s published legacy**
- **Creates opportunities for all involved to give and to receive**
- **Encourages intergenerational relationships to continue**
- **Connects long-term care communities with the larger community**
- **Inspires everyone, young and old alike, to honor Elderhood**

“What’s unique about this program is how legacy creation is explored through the filter of The Eden Alternative’s ten principles. The two work together as though they were made for each other. It is a marriage made in heaven....”

-Margaret Mooney, Recording Partner , Columbus, Ohio