

Dementia Friendsgiving Agenda

November 18th, 2025

All times listed in ET. Agenda is subject to change.

11:00 – 11:15 am	Welcome and Opening Remarks
11:15 – 11:55 am	Positive Approaches to Care: Alignment with DFA Community Values <i>Keynote from Teepa Snow, dementia care specialist, educator and advocate</i>
11:55 am – 12:20 pm	Potluck <i>An opportunity to share with others</i>
12:20 – 1:10 pm	DFA Showcase and Awards – Part One <i>Featuring Dementia Friendly Communities and Dementia Friends</i>
1:10 – 1:25 pm	Break <i>Connect in the chat and hear a dementia-friendly choir performance</i>
1:25 – 2:00 pm	DFA Showcase and Awards – Part Two <i>Featuring Memory Cafes and Giving Voice</i>
2:00 – 2:25 pm	Lived Experience Panel: Navigating Community <i>Individuals living with dementia and care partners share</i>
2:25 – 2:48 pm	DFA and the Dementia-Friendly Movement <i>Remarks from Sandy Markwood (CEO of USAging), Mary Ek (Director of DFA), and Jennifer Hammer (Assistant Director of DFA)</i>
2:48 – 2:55 pm	Special Remarks from Policymakers
2:55 – 3:00 pm	Call to Action

Optional: After Party

3:00 – 3:10 pm	Break
3:10 – 4:00 pm	After Party <i>Continue to connect and learn in themed breakout rooms! Topics include:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Become a Dementia Friend</i> • <i>About Dementia Friends USA</i> • <i>Dementia Friendly Communities</i> • <i>Giving Voice Network</i> • <i>Memory Cafes</i> • <i>Care Partner Mixer</i>