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THELMA'S PLACE, A PLACE OF HOPE:

Would you offer a hand to someone who selflessly cares for a loved one with Alzheimer's or other age related dementias? We would like to offer you an opportunity to do just that at Thelma's Place.

Thelma's place is a non-profit resource center that serves seniors and families affected by dementia regardless of financial means. We focus on respite, wellness, community and education for the Ever Changing Mind™, a brain strengthening program.

Living with someone day in and day out who has dementia is a journey no one should take alone. It is essential to have assistance from people and the affect this has on both the person with the disease as well as their caregivers.

Thelma's place was inspired by a delightful lady who lived with Alzheimer's disease for a number of years. As declining mental and physical health progressed, her family found they could no longer care for her needs. In 2000 she moved to Country Side Living and remained there until June 14th, 2004, when she died at the age of 96.

Like nearly 80,000 Oregonians living with dementia, Thelma's life had been turned upside down by a disease that robbed her of her memory and her ability to do even the simplest tasks. A person with Alzheimer's disease has special needs that may be challenging, both physically and mentally. For these needs often become overwhelming, especially when the financial issue is added to it. Thelma's Place was designed to help by offering support, respite, resources, education and compassion for those in our community living with Alzheimer's or other dementias.

Here is your opportunity to really improve the lives of individuals and families who are living with this devastating disease-Alzheimer's or other age-related dementias. Please join us September 27th, 2008 for Thelma's Place grand opening in Canby, Oregon.

In May 6, 2008, the Portland Oregonian's Margie Boulé wrote about Thelma's Place titled, "Thelma's Place, for caregivers of Alzheimer's patients, will be a place of hope", which is also available on-line at:
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