



## SUPPORTING CARING COMMUNITIES

# Foundations for BeFriender Ministry Training

BeFriender Ministry is a national, ecumenical non-profit organization that provides training and ongoing support for a listening ministry of care.

AUGUST 2023- JUNE 2024

### Virtual Workshop Description

*Participate from the comfort of your home or office.*

“Foundations for BeFriender Ministry” is a workshop for teams who want to implement and maintain a listening ministry of care and support in their church, hospital, or senior living community including all levels of care. The small size of this highly interactive workshop allows workshop leaders to address the specific needs and questions of participants. A certified trainer from the BeFriender Ministry National Office will be the workshop leader.

### What Participants are Saying

“BeFriender Ministry has been a blessing to Covenant Living Communities in many ways. It has extended the reach of our chaplain's spiritual care ministry. It has given some of our residents the satisfaction of serving their fellow residents in a meaningful way.

Our BeFrienders have found the excellent training they received in listening skills to be beneficial in many circumstances beyond their BeFriender visits.

Best of all, persons experiencing anxiety, loss or loneliness have had the listening ear of a truly caring person to walk with them on their journey.”

Chaplain John

### Who Attends

A team of 2-5 from your organization including at least one staff person such as chaplain, activity director, volunteer director and one or more residents. This team will serve as the program leaders for BeFriender Ministry in your senior living community. New program leaders for existing BeFriender Ministry programs also attend the workshop.

### Workshop Objectives

- Receive the tools and training to implement and maintain a listening ministry of care.
- Understand the role of the BeFriender by experiencing the training you will provide for BeFrienders in your organization. The listening skills learned are transferable to family, friend and colleague relationships.
- Learn a discernment process for calling forth BeFriender Ministers.
- Learn skills to facilitate skill-building and spiritual growth for BeFrienders.
- Understand the roles of the Leadership Team: trainer, facilitator, and administrator.
- Gain insights from workshop leaders who model effective training.

**Workshop Schedule on Reverse Side**

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### Virtual Workshop Dates and Fees

Workshop held daily 8:30 am - 5:00 pm Central Time

| Workshop Dates<br>August 2023 - June 2024 | Early Bird<br>Discount Dates | Registration Fees<br>Per Person   |
|---|------------------------------|---|
| August 17, 24 and September 7, 14         | July 13                      | Early Bird ----- \$849  |
| September 12, 19, 26 and October 3        | August 8                     | After Early Bird ----- \$925  |
| October 18, 25 and November 1, 8          | September 13                 | <p><b>Included in Fees:</b><br/>Fees include a full set of leader materials and shipping costs for each participant.</p> <p>Materials will be shipped directly to each participant.</p> |
| January 17, 24, 31 and February 7         | December 13                  |   |
| April 16, 23, 30 and May 7                | March 12                     |   |
| June 5, 12, 19, 26                        | May 1                        |   |

### More Information

Go to [www.befrienderministry.org](http://www.befrienderministry.org)

- View “About” and “Getting Started” for additional information.
- Select “Contact Us” to request a packet of information about BeFriender Ministry

### Questions?

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*When the community is enriched by compassionate connections among residents, staff, volunteers, and families;  
when a resident feeling isolated and alone experiences a caring connection;  
when a family member with an aging parent can share their story with a listening presence;  
when a staff member sees the care given by trained volunteers that supports the vitality of their community.  
– that is the gift of BeFriender Ministry.*

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