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**CENTER FOR ADVANCED MEMORY CARE TO EMPLOY PERSON-CENTERED
MONTESSORI INSPIRED LIFESTYLE® FOCUSED ON RESPECT, DIGNITY AND
EQUALITY**

***STAFF TO EARN CREDENTIALING IN HIGHLY-ACCLAIMED DEMENTIA
CARE METHOD***

New York, NY, September 21, 2021 – The [Center for Advanced Memory Care at ArchCare at Ferneliff](#) today announced a collaboration with the [Center for Applied Research in Dementia](#) in order to offer the evidence-based Montessori Inspired Lifestyle® for memory care at the Center upon its opening.

The Montessori Inspired Lifestyle® is a cutting-edge “way of life” method for persons with dementia that is focused on individual capabilities, providing a sense of purpose, belonging and recognition. Proven clinical outcomes, including a decrease in usage of certain sleep and psychotropic medications, are realized as staff treat residents with meaningful activities throughout each day. The Montessori Inspired Lifestyle® is gaining momentum on the national level, with communities across the country earning credentials in the method and committing to the best in memory care. The Center for Advanced Memory Care at ArchCare will be the first community certified in this method in New York state.

“The Montessori Inspired Lifestyle® aligns perfectly with our mission and calling to help the vulnerable in our communities live life to the fullest,” said Father John Anderson, Vice President, Mission Integration at ArchCare. “The Center for Advanced Memory Care will be a place where we would want our own family members to live; a home-like environment where staff truly care for each person’s strengths, interests and preferences.”

For more than 40 years, staff of the Center for Applied Research in Dementia have worked to improve the quality of life for persons with dementia and their caregivers by enabling them to engage in productive activities and fulfill meaningful social roles. The team develops, innovates, and applies its Montessori Dementia methodology through a specialized team of diverse scientific professionals.

“ArchCare has demonstrated a drive to go above and beyond in providing the best memory care for residents at the Center for Advanced Memory Care. Care that individuals with dementia

deserve, and that their families have a right to expect,” said Dr. Cameron J. Camp, Director of Research and Development at the Center for Applied Research in Dementia. “Like us, they believe in the dignity of all persons, and that dementia is not an insurmountable obstacle to a fulfilling quality of life.”

All team members at the Center for Advanced Memory Care, from senior leadership through frontline staff, will be credentialed in the Montessori Inspired Lifestyle® method in order to foster an environment of both evidence-based care and empathy.

“We are thrilled to embark on ArchCare’s latest venture in memory care with the Montessori Inspired Lifestyle®, which is considered the pinnacle of memory care,” said Michelle Feller, Assistant Administrator at ArchCare who will serve as the Program Director at the Center for Advanced Memory Care. “Not only is this care the best thing for our future residents, but it is also proven to reduce staff turnover and call-outs and improve job satisfaction.”

For more information or to join the waiting list for the Center for Advanced Memory Care at ArchCare at Ferncliff, please call **855-951-CARE (2273)**.

About ArchCare

ArchCare is the Continuing Care Community of the Archdiocese of New York, and one of the nation’s largest and most dynamic Catholic healthcare systems. ArchCare provides quality care to thousands of people of all faiths through its home and community-based and residential care programs, including health plans and nursing home alternatives, adult day care, long-term skilled nursing care, short-term rehabilitation, home care, assisted living, hospice, an acute care specialty hospital and services for people with Huntington’s disease, HIV/AIDS, developmental disabilities and other specialized care needs.

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