



Long Term & Continuing Care
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“I’M STILL HERE”

A research based Live Play - *Im Still Here* is a powerful research-based play that captures important aspects of, and deepens understanding about, the dementia journey from the perspectives of persons living with dementia and their family partners in care.

Do you have a family member or a friend living with dementia? Is communication becoming more and more difficult? Do you want to understand more about this devastating disease that affects more and more people every year? Then you will want to attend the first-ever Manitoba performance of the powerful play “I’m Still Here”, developed by the Murray Alzheimer Research and Education Program.

It will be presented as part of the Long Term & Continuing Care Association of Manitoba’s Annual Provincial Conference which will be held on **Tuesday, May 18, 2010** at the Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre, 1808 Wellington Avenue, Winnipeg, MB.

This highly acclaimed, one-hour production, **beginning at 14:30**, not only captures important aspects of the dementia journey, but will be followed by a one-hour interactive session that allows participants to share their experiences and the insights they have gained in dealing with it.

“Bravo! This play touches on every aspect of this devastating disease. I have walked this walk with my mother and still am. Today she didn’t know me. The last scene was exactly what I need to hear.” – A playgoer

Admission is \$20.00*, payable at the door before 2PM, May 18th (*cash only). We hope you will choose to attend this entertaining and thought-provoking play!

If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail me, Jan Legeros, Executive Director, at jlegeros@lcam.mb.ca or call me directly at 204-477-9888.

Background:

“I’m Still Here” Live Play

Sherry L. Dupuis, Ph.D. and the Actors of ACT II Studio

A Reflective Journey on Dementia using Research-Based Drama

Funded partly by the Murray Alzheimer Research and Education Program (MAREP) at the University of Waterloo, *I’m Still Here* is a powerful research-based play that captures important aspects of, and deepens understanding about, the dementia journey from the perspectives of persons living with dementia and their family partners in care. The play brings deeply moving experiences shared by persons with dementia and their family members to life through dramatic performance. The intent of the play is to help diminish any unnecessary suffering that can come with living with dementia due to misunderstandings and stigma. Research funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council conducted by Drs. Gail Mitchell, Sherry Dupuis, and Christine Jonas-Simpson is demonstrating the profound impact the play is having on changing images and understandings of dementia and dementia care. This presentation will allow you the opportunity to engage with *I’m Still Here*, performed by the actors from ACT II Studio, Ryerson University. Dr. Dupuis, Director of MAREP, will then facilitate personal reflection and intentional dialogue with the group as a way of revealing new possibilities in dementia care and identifying affirmations for life in the future.