

ABOUT US

Filling every moment of each day with life-enhancing experiences.

Nestled in the heart of Needham, Briarwood is an Eden Alternative® certified skilled nursing facility with a special care neighborhood dedicated to residents with Alzheimer's & Dementia.

We utilize an interdisciplinary team approach that encompasses all areas of our residents' physical, psychosocial, emotional and spiritual needs.

Placing the needs and preferences of our residents and families above all else is our guiding principle.



- A COMMUNITY OF CARE -

Where Life is Celebrated.



Our neighborhood is state certified with DPH as a Dementia Special Care Unit (DSCU), as well as Dementia Certified by the Joint Commission.



 **BRIARWOOD**
Alzheimer's & Dementia

CERTIFIED SPECIAL CARE PROGRAM




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OUR Philosophy of Care.



The Eden Alternative® philosophy of care is at the center of who we are at Briarwood. It is a philosophy of life that speaks of hope and of continued growth through a shared journey with caring people.

Our care partners are specially trained in Alzheimer's habilitation, and are involved in ongoing Eden education to ensure they are uniquely attuned and sensitive to the unique needs and individuality of each resident. **The program is directed by a Certified Memory Care Activity Director who is a Certified Eden Educator and Certified Dementia Practitioner.**



Reminiscence Therapy (RT) involves the discussion of past activities, events and experiences with other people. Tangible prompts such as photos, familiar items from the past, music and archive sound recordings are often used.

Pictured: A Briarwood patient's personal memory box

Family matters.

- To promote family involvement, our ongoing programming includes:**
- Educational Programs
 - Special Events
 - Family Counseling
 - Family Participation
 - Interdisciplinary Care

Our program features:

- Safe & Secure Environment
- Wanderguard System
- Assistance with Daily Care
- Failure-Free Activities
- Intergenerational Program
- Social Interactions
- Exercise Programs

Leadership

DR. SUMER VERMA
PROGRAM
MEDICAL
DIRECTOR



Dr. Sumer Verma is the Director of Geriatric Psychiatry Education and Fellowship Program at McLean Hospital in Belmont, MA. He received the Roeske Certificate of Excellence from the American Psychiatric Association and was recognized by "Psychiatric Times" as "Teacher of the Year." Dr. Verma has made over 1000 presentations nationally and abroad on caring for the aging population and is a co-author of the book, "Depression in Later Life."

