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To Whom It May Concern:

The Oak Park Public Library is proud to collaborate with our community partners -- The Village of Oak Park, the Park District of Oak Park, and the Oak Park Township -- to create a safer and friendlier Oak Park for all our residents, including those affected by the challenges of dementia and dementia-related illness. There is much work happening in the community for which we think Oak Park is most deserving of the title of a Dementia-Friendly Community.

This work includes connecting people across public and private sectors, finding ways to include people living with dementia and their caregivers into full community participation, maximizing organizational capacity for this work through close collaboration between all government agencies, and intentionally adopting the goals and practices of dementia-friendly communities all over the country.

At the Oak Park Public Library, one of the ways we are contributing to this work is by providing Memory Kits. For people with memory loss, a Memory Kit can provide mental and emotional stimulation. The kits, based on themes including gardening, beloved television programs, and travel can inspire conversation and build stronger connections. Memory Kits are available in our Main Library and can be checked out for up to three weeks.

The Oak Park Public Library is honored to participate in this work with all our community partners. Please give every sincere consideration to the Village of Oak Park's work to achieve the title of Dementia-Friendly Community.

Yours sincerely,

David J. Seleb  
Executive Director

*To empower every voice in our community*