



Vickie and Robert Johnson, Patient and Caregiver

Vickie and Robert Johnson have been married for 26 years. They have six children (one deceased). Vickie relocated from Grand Rapids/Kalamazoo, MI, to Chicago where she met Robert. Robert is retired from Chicago Transportation Authority as rail supervisor. Since moving to Chicago, Vickie has worked for two non-profit organizations:

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and Feeding America. Vickie was diagnosed with early on-set Alzheimer's disease (EOA) in June of 2023. Since her diagnosis, she has been involved in two research studies: TACCO (Tracking and Characterization of Cognition Over Time (Massachusetts General Hospital), and Viva-Mind (Northwestern). She also participates in Northwestern's Buddy Program.



Darby J Morhardt, PhD, LCSW, Research Professor·Mesulam Institute for Cognitive Neurology & Alzheimer's Disease; Department of Preventive Medicine, Northwestern University

Darby Morhardt, PhD, LCSW is Professor, Mesulam Institute for Cognitive Neurology and Alzheimer's Disease and Department of Preventive Medicine, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. Dr. Morhardt has provided clinical social work services for persons living with dementia and their families in the outpatient setting for over 35 years.

She has also led the development and evaluation of psychosocial interventions for individuals and families living with dementia as well as community engaged research to address inequities in dementia education, awareness, and research participation. Dr. Morhardt is also founder and director of the Miller Post-Graduate Social Work Fellowship in Neurocognitive Disorders.



Raj C. Shah, MD, Professor, Department of Family & Preventive Medicine·Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center, Rush University Medical Center

Raj C. Shah, MD, has been a geriatrician for 25 years at Rush in Chicago, Illinois. Currently, he is a Professor in Family and Preventive Medicine and the Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center. Dr. Shah's academic career interest is the design and conduct of clinical trials for the prevention and treatment of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (ADRD). He has been invited to disseminate information

learned from research regarding ADRD with multiple community and professional groups.



Shellie Williams, MD, Associate Professor of Medicine; Medical Director, Montgomery Place Skilled Nursing Facility·University of Chicago

Dr. Shellie Williams is a Geriatric and Palliative Medicine physician at the University of Chicago, where she cares for patients on the inpatient palliative consult service and in primary care geriatrics. She also provides specialty cognitive assessments at the UChicago Memory Center. Her scholarly work focuses on palliative communication and community-based participatory research focused on awareness and education around dementia.

Dr. Williams is a member of SHARE Network-a Geriatric Workforce Enhancement program focused on building a healthier Southside older adult community. Please explore and share one of our key collaborations with the community - CenteringOurValues.org.