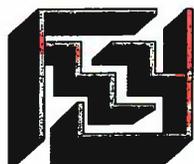


# The MASE Group



## Monthly Alzheimer's Support Evening

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Dear Graham

I write to sincerely thank you and The Graham Shapiro Foundation for the incredible support you have shown, not only to the MASE Charity, but also for the time you have personally spent with our Carers and their cared for at each of our five Groups. You will never realise what an impact you have made on the people who are on the dementia journey.

In a world that can be so 'self-centred', you have actually taken the time to support our Groups not only with the design and hosting of our website, but also by partaking in several gruelling Ironman Challenges over the past five years, with all sponsorship being donated to the MASE.

The MASE evenings have a 'good party atmosphere', but these are Groups with a difference. They bring together people with dementia, and their families. We have health care professionals in attendance, together with other Agencies who can assist the people on their difficult journeys. At the MASE everyone is aware of the illness, so people don't have to worry or feel embarrassed. Alzheimer's/Dementia is the cruellest of illnesses and is often known as the long goodbye. For Carers watching the person they love lose all sense of understanding or recognition as the months/years go by, is quite devastating and is a great challenge. The MASE offers the hand of friendship and support at all times, both at the groups and by telephone.

Many people tend to withdraw from all social activities because of dementia, as a result of that social isolation is becoming more evident. Also for a Carer who has looked after their loved-one for many years, to suddenly find themselves alone can be very traumatic. This is why the MASE is different, we do not turn away Carers who have lost loved ones, we welcome them with open arms; who better to help new Carers at the start of their journey? The tips and the tricks learnt from past Carers can then be passed on to new Carers; something which can be so valuable.

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Without the support of The Graham Shapiro Foundation, we would have found it very difficult to continue with the work of the MASE. The fact that we are now in our 11th year is proof that the support of the Foundation has most definitely helped us to make a difference.

On behalf of all the MASE Trustees we send our very best wishes.

Yours sincerely



**Daphne Sharp BCA  
Trustee of The MASE**



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