



Opening Minds through Art (OMA)

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OVERVIEW:

Opening Minds through Art (OMA) is a Scripps Gerontology Center intergenerational art-making program for people living with dementia based at Miami University. OMA provides people living with dementia with an opportunity to express their creativity. In OMA, people with dementia are paired on a weekly basis with high school students who are trained to support the elders' creative expression. The pairs meet in a small group setting to create art. OMA's mission is to "Build bridges across age and cognitive barriers through art." OMA is evidence-based and has received a number of best practice awards. Since its start in 2007, over 200 communities have partnered with neighboring high schools and universities to do the OMA program.

BENEFITS:

Students participating in OMA will have the opportunity to:

1. Develop **close relationships** with people living with dementia (PLWD) and other student volunteers.
2. Learn how to **communicate and facilitate** the creative process of people who are living with dementia.

When:

Weekly classes will begin every Thursday October 2, 2025-November 20, 2025 @2:00.

LOCATION:

Elizabeth Adam Crump Health and Rehab
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