

AN ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE BILL OF RIGHTS

Every person diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease
or a related disorder deserves the following rights:

- * To have appropriate, ongoing medical care
- * To be productive in work and play for as long as possible
- * To be treated like an adult, not like a child
- * To have expressed feelings taken seriously
- * To be free from psychotropic medications if possible
- * To live in a safe structured and predictable environment
- * To enjoy meaningful activities that fill each day
- * To be outdoors on a regular basis
- * To have physical contact, including hugging, caressing
and hand-holding
- * To be with individuals who know one's life story including
cultural and religious traditions
- * To be cared for by individuals who are well trained in
dementia care

-- From The Best Friends Approach to Alzheimer's Care
by Virginia Bell and David Troxel