



Gingerbread House Making with Patients with Dementia

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Event Information

*Event was at the Foundry Art Center
from 3-4 pm*

Set Up:

- Each couple had their own plate with one prebuilt gingerbread house.
- We placed extra candies all around the tables due to the boxes having very minimal candy options.
- We also played Christmas music from one of our speakers.
- We did have snowflake making as a second creative activity just in case gingerbread house making got done early.



Memory Concepts Observed

Failed Retrieval of Episodic Memory

- Could not remember building Gingerbread houses prior to the event at any point in their life.

Ability to use Working Memory

- Although they may have conditions in which affect their long-term memory, they were able to use their short-term memory to have conversation with us.



Lasting Impact on Our Learning

- We got to connect with the individuals and find common interests.
- Heard thousands of stories and life lessons that we can keep with us our whole lives.
- Firsthand experience with how those with Dementia function and socialize in the real world.

