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## **Stewart and Warden certified as Best Friends™ Master Trainer**

BEND, O.R. —Angela Stewart, health services director, and Kathleen Warden, RN, memory care manager, of Touchmark at Mt. Bachelor Village have earned the designation of Best Friends Master Trainer.

They received their certification from David Troxel, MPH, cofounder of the Best Friends Approach, which is a groundbreaking method of care for individuals living with Alzheimer's and other dementia. The approach focuses on encouraging respect, empathy, support and trust.

Stewart and Warden completed a comprehensive training and requisite testing to demonstrate proficiency. They will use the research-based information to design and implement programs and train Touchmark staff in the Best Friends Approach.

A full-life retirement community, Touchmark at Mt. Bachelor Village is a certified Best Friends Environment. The award-winning community offers a range of homes and lifestyle options for people 55-plus years. For more information, visit [Touchmark.com](http://Touchmark.com).

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