

# Raising the Bar:

## CREATING A BETTER SOCIETY IN WHICH TO LIVE WITH DEMENTIA

An Initiative of the Dementia Action Alliance and The Eden Alternative®

### Interdisciplinary, Inclusive Development Process

The development of *Raising the Bar: Creating a Better Society in Which to Live with Dementia* is the result of a multi-year, collaborative effort initiated by the Dementia Action Alliance (DAA) in 2012 with the support of the members of DAA's Optimizing Well-Being Best Practices Subgroup. The Subgroup involved a diverse group of people with knowledge and experience in supporting people living with dementia, including individuals living with dementia, healthcare practitioners, long-term care service providers representing all living environments, gerontological researchers, educators and trainers, care partners, and systems and operational consultants. DAA would like to acknowledge the following subgroup members for laying the foundation for this important initiative:

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