We are pleased to announce the launch of the “Stories for Change” Action Community. With a **focus on the power of narrative**, we strive to promote more informed portrayals of older people and issues they confront, influence the larger societal discourse on aging and enable Change AGEnts to harness the power of impactful stories to improve the care of older Americans. To accomplish this we will examine specific components of change frameworks and explore ways to effectively engage stories to achieve these goals; for example, in creating a sense of urgency, building coalitions, and celebrating successes (especially those that are informed by evidence).

 The “Stories for Change” community **aims to offer knowledge, skills and other resources for Change AGEnts to develop and curate stories that re-frame the conversation around aging** **and open pathways to improving the care of older adults**. We are committed to including the voices of patients, families, and care partners.  Hence, we see our Action Community as an ideal setting to explore and celebrate the rich cultural diversity reflected in the aging experience and a broad perspective on the need for change in improving systems of care, service, and support.

 Through our online platform we **invite** **Change AGEnts to be part of our online community**, participate in educational programs on creating powerful stories for change, and/or contribute stories to an archive we will create for enhancing advocacy, fundraising, and empowering care of older adults and their families. The founding members of this action community bring a range of insights into active and emerging areas of gerontology and geriatrics. We look forward to the robust participation of this group as we explore narratives relating to their areas of expertise such as: creativity, technology, employment and retirement, integrative care, end-of-life and palliative care, aging services and health systems change, and issues related to the needs of special populations.

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