

NEW RAG DOLLS DESIGN COMFORTS LOVED ONES WITH ALZHEIMER'S

MY COMFORT COMPANION

SPARTA, NORTH CAROLINA (NC), UNITED STATES, August 17, 2015 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Janet Tompkins, creator of "My Comfort Companion" is on a mission to spread more joy to people living with Alzheimer's. An estimated 5.3 million Americans of all ages have Alzheimer's disease in 2015. It cannot be prevented, cured, or slowed (Alz.org). Alzheimer's disease isolates persons from family & loved ones by greatly limiting communication and interaction. The impact on caregivers can be devastating.

My Comfort Companion, Joy, is designed to soothe, and benefit memory & communication. The pillow-like over sized design made for adults is hug-gable. The lavender scent, family photo pocket, name label, mini-book, flower, and buttons & bows are included based on Tompkins' past 15 years working as a speech therapist with the adult and geriatric population.

"Photos can trigger memories, details occupy busy hands, and the book is a way for family to interact. In my experience, dolls may reduce wandering & agitation."

For each person living with Alzheimer's today there is a caregiver or family member challenged with trying to make life more joyful. Dolls can distract and calm a person who is upset, provide comfort, & increase happiness. The benefits have been witnessed time and again by health care professionals working with this population across various settings. My Comfort Companion provides an opportunity for interaction and a feeling of caring for another.

Additional Comfort Companions are currently in the works to include designs for men and multiple ethnicities. "We were limited with our first order due to manufacturing constraints however definitely have plans to create a full product line that includes everyone. No one will be left out, that would defeat the purpose."

A percentage of proceeds from the sells of "My Comfort Companion" will go to fund Alzheimer's research.

To learn more about My Comfort Companion visit our website at: <u>www.mycomfortcompanion.com</u>

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