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Tim Ramsey shares insights into Alzheimer's from his personal vantage point

Phoenix Az. – July 9, 2014 – Tim Ramsey's claim to fame is not only being an outstanding veteran educator at Garden Lakes School in the [Pendergast School District](#), but also a published author. Ramsey shares his personal story in an article, "[Words \(I Must Write\)](#)," recently published in the *Care Advantage Summer 2014* magazine produced by the [Alzheimer's Foundation of America](#). This story was written in 2013 when Tim's dad was still mobile and functioning at a higher level. He is now in a nursing home as his dementia continues to diminish his memory.

Ramsey shares his powerful words that his dad has been robbed of, "About a year ago, my father was diagnosed with semantic dementia, a villainous eraser of words. He slowly forgot our names, our relationships, our lives. One day a few months ago, he said to me, his now 54-year-old son, "Well, sir, I really didn't get to know you..." However, his son Tim has supplied the love, the words and the relationship to describe how this disease can help others to discover special insights. "Writing is an incredible outlet for me personally as well—an avenue for me to channel my thoughts and feelings. It is often an arduous task, but when I finally complete a piece, I am overwhelmed by a wonderful feeling of accomplishment."

Pendergast Superintendent Dr. Lily Matos DeBlieux shares her pride in having Tim's article published and the firsthand writing skills he imparts to his students. "Tim serves as an outstanding role model to students and staff alike. He has turned his pain into a voice and advocate for those who are challenged by this disabling disease. We are grateful to have him in our district and hope he will continue to use his voice and compassion to help others."

Ramsey has taught fifth through 12th grades and served as a school administrator. His experiences are shared in his e-book, "[The Hugs on My Shirt](#)." Ramsey's work has also been published in several "[Chicken Soup for the Soul](#)" editions.

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