



# Validation Training Institute Newsletter

*Winter/Spring 2019*

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## 2018 Fall Fundraiser Success

We are proud to announce that, thanks to the generous support of our global network, VTI raised **\$45,876 total** during our 2018 Fall Fundraiser!

A heartfelt thanks to our top contributors:

Sunrise Senior Living, Meridian

Senior Living, Bernice Wollman, Warren Rubin, Susan Goldstein, Scott Averill, George Feil, Miriam Hart, and Caritas Vienna!

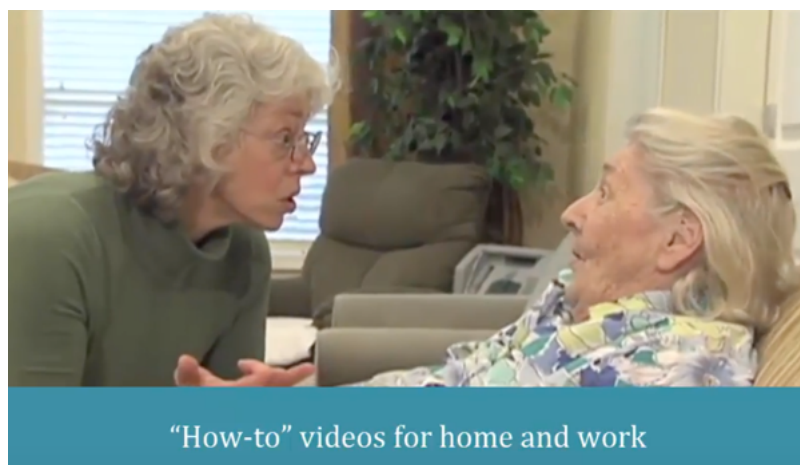


We will spotlight our top contributors each month. [Click here](#) to read our interview with Susan Goldstein, Principal at [SBSG Interior Design](#).

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## "How-To" YouTube Videos

We have a [VTI YouTube channel](#) with 200 subscribers! Interested in learning more about the Validation method? We have uploaded 5 how-to videos (in English and Italian) to our channel which you can watch at your convenience by clicking [here](#).



We want to expand our "How-To" collection to include 2-minute videos on, *How to Find the Appropriate Distance* and *How to Calibrate*! If you can help, please contact: [info@vfvalidation.org](mailto:info@vfvalidation.org)

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## VTI Receives Grant from NextFifty

VTI is proud to announce the first Validation Family Caregiver training, in collaboration with the [Alzheimer's Association of Colorado](#) and generously funded by the [NextFifty Initiative](#).

This course provides struggling family caregivers with new ideas, practical skills, and techniques for changing the way they interact, communicate, and maintain a loving relationship with a person living with Alzheimer's disease or another form of dementia. VTI offers this course as a unique blend of self-directed video



learning, interactive live webinars and a two-day, in-person training led by experienced Validation Teachers who help students attain expertise and confidence in their caregiver roles.

Email [info@vfvalidation.org](mailto:info@vfvalidation.org) to learn more and register for the Summer 2019 class.

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## Validation Teacher Conference

The Vienna AVO is kicking off the year with a lot of different activities, they held a Validation Teacher conference which was inspiring and completed yet another Validation worker course. Congratulations to the first group in 2019 of Level 1 Validation Workers at the Vienna AVO who completed their training successfully last month! In January,



Karin Eder became the head of the AVO and Andrea Alder, the former head of gerontology and Validation, retired.

To read more about exciting updates from this AVO [click here](#).

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## Meridian Hosts the Validation Teachers Association of Japan

On September 7th, 2018, [Meridian at Bella Mar Memory Care](#), a Meridian Senior Living, LLC community, was delighted to host representatives from The Validation Teachers Association of Japan and Kanagawa Social Welfare Junior Chamber Japan for a demonstration of Validation with staff and residents at their location on 825 Ocean

Avenue in Santa Monica. Read the full press release [here](#).



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## Clinical Column by Naomi Feil

This clinical column by Naomi Feil explores how clergy can improve their communication with very old disoriented people and offers easy examples of how to connect spiritually.

Read the full column [here](#).



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## Exciting News from a German AVO

Exciting news from the AVO Diakonissen Speyer: 8 out of 14 senior centers and 1 out of 3 hospitals of the Diakonissen Speyer have been awarded the Validation quality certificate. At a celebration ceremony, Vicki de Klerk-Rubin said, *"The certified facilities can be described as lighthouses in the practice of Validation by Naomi Feil."*

Read more exciting AVO news by clicking [here](#).





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## Updates from the Beijing AVO

Senior Living L'Amour, the AVO in Beijing, shares with us their fabulous work in 2018: completing the premier of the Modular Learning curriculum and starting their 2nd Group validation training. Eric Portnoff, the Validation Teacher who accomplished this, also made important speeches spreading information about Validation in Shanghai, Guangzhou, Qingta and Beijing.



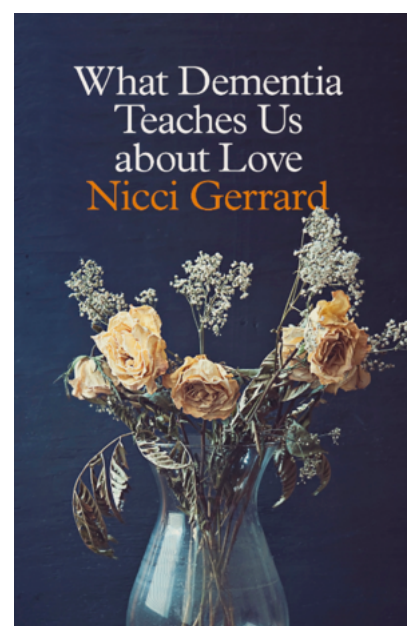
Read more about this AVO's progress by clicking [here](#).

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## New Book Reinforces the Effectiveness of Validation

Figuring out how to communicate with an aging parent or adult suffering from dementia can be as complex and confusing as solving the most baffling murder mystery. Nicci Gerrard's book, *What Dementia Teaches Us About Love*, is a departure from her traditional crime writing. In the book, Gerrard found a pivotal clue in the [viral YouTube video](#) of Naomi Feil validating Gladys Wilson.

Read our full press release on the book [here](#).



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## Beginner Validation Support Groups

Meeting Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/708819389>

**Time:** 5pm PST/6pm MST/7pm CST/8pmEST

**Dates:** March 28th, April 25th, May 30th, June 27th

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## Advanced Validation Support Groups

Meeting Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/915856480>

**Time:** 5pm PST/6pm MST/7pm CST/8pmEST

**Dates:** March 27th, April 24th, May 29th, June 26th

## Upcoming Events

**April 3, 2019**

[NAAP Annual  
Conference](#)

Vicki de Klerk-Rubin  
*Validation for Activity  
Professionals*

**April 4, 2019**

[Oregon State  
Gerontology  
Conference](#)

Naomi Feil  
*Validation Breakthrough*

**April 17, 2019**

[American Society on  
Aging Conference](#)

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