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Culture Change in Practice

The Future of Culture Change

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"Culture Change in Practice" is our own weblog where people can become involved in a conversation about Culture Change as it is practiced by professionals in real nursing homes. Feel free to join the conversation, or post a comment about something you have learned on your journey.

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There's no denying it, the future, and frankly the present, of almost everything is on the Web. "Oh, certainly not elders and nursing homes," you may say. But, yes! And here's why: A)The Internet is a fast, effective and cheap way to spread information on things like, say, culture change. B) The Internet is a fast, effective and cheap way for people, like elders in nursing homes, who are separated from their families and the world in general because of limited mobility, to participate in community.

Over the next few weeks I'll be blogging about the web and elders. Presenting elder centered websites, ways to be involved in the culture change movement on the web and ways and reasons to get elders in front of a computer. Plus, Action Pact has some great online tools coming down the pipe because the capabilities of the Web offer great learning opportunities.

I'd like to start things by saying while I am a member of Generation X, my computer skills are a bit of an embarrassment and even though the virtual dictionary is a click away, I usually find myself reaching for the bound Websters on my desk. I can think of five Baby-Boomer-and-beyond friends off the top of my head who spend more time on the net and are more comfortable with it than I am. I'm telling you this so you know we will be learning together. Because, let's face it, our culture has changed the way it sends and receives information. Let's hope the way we give and receive care in homes instead of institutions will catch on as quickly and well.