



CENTER FOR INNOVATION AND WELLBEING

Innovations Cafe Case Study



Creating opportunities for engagement and dialogue.

In an effort to inspire community members to imagine the role of technology and independence, the Front Porch Center for Innovation and Wellbeing hosted an open house during our Front Porch Home Office grand opening to residents, featuring some of the innovation pilots the Center has been working on.

Inspired by this exhibition event, the [City of West Hollywood](#) invited FPCIW to organize an “Innovations

Café” as a component of the City’s [Aging in Place](#) Forum. The event drew more than 100 people, and introduced the community to several FPCIW project technologies such as [PARO’s](#) caregiving robot, the [Stitch](#) companionship website, the [Music and MemorySM](#) engagement program, [Lively’s](#) monitoring kit, and the [Samsung Gear VR virtual reality](#) headset. The community reaction and feedback were enthusiastic, which led FPCIW to additional opportunities to share our technology initiatives with more communities.

Since the City of West Hollywood’s event, FPCIW has organized and curated Innovations Café booths at the [San Diego OASIS](#) Get Connected Fair, the [Los Angeles County Department of Public Health’s](#) “Health + Wellness” summit, and the West Hollywood Senior Fair. The Innovations Café enables people to see and experience first-hand some of the emerging and groundbreaking technologies that are making an impact today, and how they are shaping our future.

About the Front Porch Center for Innovation and Wellbeing

The Front Porch Center for Innovation and Wellbeing is part of Front Porch®, one of Southern California’s largest not-for-profit providers of retirement living communities and affordable housing. The Front Porch

Center for Innovation and Wellbeing strives to harness technology solutions that support and enhance wellbeing in older adults. The Front Porch Center's core initiatives focus on how technology can: assist in maintaining brain health; enhance social connectedness; promote engagement and growth; empower control over health and wellness; prevent emergencies or serious events; and increase resources and support for formal and informal caregivers. The Front Porch Center for Innovation and Wellbeing is a signature program of Front Porch's Humanly Possible® commitment to doing everything humanly possible to creatively meet the needs of those we serve today and in the future. The Front Porch Center is the winner of the Bronze Award for the Dignity category in the 2015 McKnight's Technology Awards and the Aging 2.0 Pilot Pioneers 2015 Innovation Award. More information can be found at www.fpciw.org.

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