# An Aware Care Giver's Pledge

### I am an aware caregiver.

- I see myself as a guard of the rights of people with disability.
- I respect all people. I believe that people with disability are like all people are people first.
- As a duty bearer and guard of the rights of people with disability I will respect all people.
- I will respect their choices and their decisions regarding their own lives.
- I will support their needs in the manner that they want as long as it is not to harm anyone else.
- I will ensure that no harm comes to them because of my actions or inactions.
  - 4 I will ensure that others also respect them the way I do.
  - I will keep them informed about what I am doing and not make impulsive and sudden decisions
  - I will seek support when I do not know what to do to support the person I work with
  - I will keep what I know about the person in confidence
  - I will respect the privacy of all people
  - I will not exploit anyone or use their resources for my personal gain
  - 4 I will not humiliate anyone

4 I will not make fun of anyone

I will not make judgments about anyone

### I will not

- Be judgmental
- Be directive
- Be over emotional
- Seem preoccupied
- Take charge
- Put pressure
- Make promises we cannot keep
- Tell people to forget things
- Say everything will be alright
- Intrude on another person's space
- Flood people with information
- Label or exclude people

## I will

#### **DO NO HARM**

- Recognize and challenge my judgments
- Recognize and include all people
- Listen and try to understand
- Show a positive respectful interest in the person
- Ask questions sensitively
- Seek permission
- Be with the person when needed



### I will ensure

- Control:
- By providing information
- By not taking over decision making
- Be creating choices
- Dignity:
- By respecting people
- By listening to people
- By being non judgmental
- By monitoring risks

- Purposefulness:
- By providing information
- By enhancing skills to resume life
- By creating opportunities
- Togetherness:
- By forming safe and consistent relationships
- By building community support



