

About the Alzheimer's Association®

The Alzheimer's Association is the world's leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support and research. Founded in 1980 by a group of family caregivers, the Association includes the national office in Chicago, the public policy office in Washington, D.C., and chapters in communities across the country.

Alzheimer's disease is a global epidemic. Currently, at least 44 million people worldwide are living with dementia. In the United States alone, more than 5 million people have Alzheimer's, and over 15 million are serving as their caregivers. Alzheimer's is the only cause of death among the top 10 in America that cannot be prevented, cured or even slowed.

The Alzheimer's Association addresses this epidemic by providing information, education and support to the millions who face dementia every day, while advancing critical research toward methods of treatment, prevention and, ultimately, a cure.

We provide care and support to those affected.

- Our 24/7 Helpline (800.272.3900) offers confidential support and information on a variety of topics, including treatments and clinical studies, care strategies, and legal, financial and care planning.
- Our award-winning website at alz.org® is a rich resource that informs and educates.
- We offer Medic Alert® + Alzheimer's Association Safe Return®, a 24-hour nationwide emergency response service for individuals with Alzheimer's or other dementias who wander and get lost or have a medical emergency.
- The Alzheimer's Association Green-Field Library, the nation's largest devoted to Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, provides reference and research services accessible virtually.
- Our chapters host thousands of support groups and educational sessions in communities nationwide.
- The I Have Alzheimer's section of alz.org, created with input from individuals with Alzheimer's and other dementias, offers information and strategies to help those living in the early stage of the disease lead their best life for as long as possible.
- Our Alzheimer's and Dementia Caregiver Center, a comprehensive online resource for anyone who cares for a person with dementia, includes more than 70 pages of content covering all stages of the disease and provides access to helpful tools, including:
 - ALZConnected®, an online community where people with Alzheimer's and their caregivers can ask questions, connect with others and find support.
 - Alzheimer's Navigator®, an online program that helps those facing the disease to determine their needs and develop an action plan.
 - Community Resource Finder, a comprehensive database of programs and services, housing and care options, and legal experts, allowing users to quickly search, find and access local support.

We accelerate research across the globe.

- The Alzheimer's Association is the largest nonprofit funder of Alzheimer's disease research. Through our International Research Grant Program, we have committed over \$315 million to more than 2,200 best-of-field grant proposals since 1982.
- The Alzheimer's Association International Conference® (AAIC®) is the world's largest conference of its kind, bringing together researchers from around the globe to report and discuss groundbreaking research and information.
- We lead the World Wide Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging Initiative (WW-ADNI) — a global consortium of international investigators working to predict and monitor the onset and progression of Alzheimer's.

We advocate for the needs and rights of people facing Alzheimer's.

- The Association has helped pass landmark legislation, including the National Alzheimer's Project Act, which mandated a national plan to fight Alzheimer's disease. The National Alzheimer's Plan addresses the rapidly escalating Alzheimer's disease crisis and coordinates Alzheimer's efforts across the federal government.
- We call for an increased commitment to research funding from the federal government. Currently, for every \$2.70 that Medicare and Medicaid spend caring for someone with Alzheimer's, the federal government invests only \$.01 on Alzheimer's research.
- We demand better access to diagnosis and care planning. Unfortunately, most people with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias have not been diagnosed, preventing them from accessing the best treatments and planning for the future.

Join the cause. Visit alz.org.

- Connect with a local chapter and participate in a support group, attend one of our educational workshops or volunteer within your community.
- Advocate for those affected by Alzheimer's and urge legislators make the disease a national priority.
- Participate in Walk to End Alzheimer's®, the nation's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research.
- Donate to advance vital research and further care and support programs.

The Alzheimer's Association is the world's leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support and research. Our mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.

Our vision is a world without Alzheimer's®.

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