

About the Alzheimer's Association

The Alzheimer's Association, the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer care, support and research, is dedicated to finding prevention methods, treatments and an eventual cure for Alzheimer's.

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.

The Association's nationwide organization, founded in 1980, includes the national office in Chicago, the public policy office in Washington, D.C., and 300 local points of service across the country.

We fund innovative Alzheimer research

The Association has invested more than \$200 million in Alzheimer research and is a catalyst for generating new knowledge about Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.

The Association's two research conferences, the International Conference on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders (ICAD) and the International Conference on Prevention of Dementia, bring together the greatest minds in dementia research from around the world.

We fund research grants that support investigations into understanding the disease and improving the quality of life for people affected by dementia.

We provide information, education and support

The Alzheimer's Association provides a broad range of programs and services for people living with the disease, families, caregivers and professional care providers.

- Our 24/7 Helpline can help you address a variety of dementia-related issues:
 - Medications and treatment options
 - Skills to provide quality care
- Strategies to reduce stress and manage lifestyle changes
- Legal, financial and living-arrangement decisions
- Clinical trials of potential treatments
- Medicare and Medicaid benefits
- Professional and community services
- Safety
- Our award-winning Web site at www.alz.org is a rich resource with evidence-based content that helps inform our diverse audiences. Our online forums provide people with Alzheimer's and their families a confidential and safe place to share concerns and receive support.
- Alzheimer's Association Safe Return® is a nationwide identification program that provides assistance in the safe and timely return of individuals who have wandered and become lost.
- Each year, we provide more than 100,000 hours of education and support services, including programs for those living with Alzheimer's disease, their families and care providers.
- The Alzheimer's Association Green-Field Library, the nation's largest library and resource center devoted to Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, provides reference and research services, reading lists and video guides.
- The Alzheimer's Association CareFinder™ is an online guide that can help individuals with Alzheimer's and their families identify the right care options.
- We host national and regional dementia care conferences.

We advocate for change

The Alzheimer's Association represents the interests of people living with the disease and their families to all levels of government as well as health care and long-term care providers.

Through this advocacy effort, we seek to:

- Increase annual federal research funds to \$1 billion for finding effective ways to prevent and treat Alzheimer's disease
- Improve Medicare to meet the health care needs of people with Alzheimer's disease
- Preserve and expand quality, affordable long-term care, including caregiver support, to meet the special needs of people with dementia

We're improving dementia care

We are leading the way in making sure that dementia care is safe, respectful and meaningful for every individual.

As part of our initiative to improve the quality of dementia care nationwide, we established specific recommendations to raise the standard of dementia care. In addition, we offer classroom and Web-based training based on these recommendations for direct care providers in assisted living and nursing homes.

Join the cause

The Alzheimer's Association invites you to participate in our effort to change the lives of people with dementia and create a world without Alzheimer's.

- **Become an advocate.** Collaborate with people living with Alzheimer's disease, caregivers, families and friends to form a united voice that brings change and hope.
- **Volunteer.** Join the more than 35,000 volunteers whose services are critical to every program and initiative of the Association.

- **Donate.** Your gift makes a difference in the lives of people with dementia and supports our mission.
- **Participate in Memory Walk®.** Memory Walk is the nation's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer care, support and research.

For more information, to make a donation or to become involved with your local Alzheimer's Association, please contact us.

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