



the compassion to care, the leadership to conquer

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**Alzheimer's Association Report**  
***2007 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures***

*Samuel Gandy, MD, PhD, chair of the Alzheimer's Association's Medical and Scientific Advisory Council*

“Soon, Alzheimer’s disease will touch everyone in this country in some form or another, so the need to redouble our research efforts greater than ever before. We must have better treatments, earlier detection, and effective strategies to prevent Alzheimer’s. Scientists have made tremendous strides in the last two decades, but the clock is ticking.”

*Stephen McConnell, PhD, Alzheimer's Association vice president of Advocacy and Public Policy*

“The dramatic rise in Alzheimer’s underscores that this disease has the ability to undermine the entire U.S. healthcare system. Looking just at Medicare and Medicaid, if we could find an intervention that could delay onset or slow progression of the disease, in short order spending on Alzheimer’s could decline by more than \$60 billion dollars, with even larger savings every year thereafter.”

*Peter Reed, PhD, Alzheimer's Association senior director of Programs*

“The *2007 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures* clearly shows that Alzheimer’s is growing at an epidemic rate. This means more stress and more caregiving responsibilities, which can range from making financial decisions, managing changes in behavior, to helping a loved one bathe and get dressed in the morning. Handling these duties is hard work. But by learning caregiving skills, you can make sure that your loved one feels supported and is living a full life. You can also ensure that you, the caregiver, are taking steps to preserve your own well-being.”

*Senator Barbara Mikulski (D-MD)*

“There are 5 million Americans living with Alzheimer's disease. They live in every state. They live in cities, suburbs and on farms. They may own small grocery stores like my father - who suffered from this disease. Alzheimer's is an All-American disease that affected Ronald Reagan, our All-American President. Now we need an All-American effort to not only find breakthroughs, but to make sure we are giving patients and their families the support they need.”

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