Thanks to the generosity of our philanthropic partners, the Alzheimer’s Association has invested more than $3.75 billion in research since 1982—funding more than 2,400 best-in-field projects, encouraging scientists to devote their careers to defeating dementia and playing a role in almost every major development in Alzheimer’s science.

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**Partners in progress**

* Milestones in Alzheimer’s Association philanthropy and science

1981 Jeremie Stone and his wife make charitable gifts totaling $120,000, enabling the Association to award its first research grants. (1982: Early grants included research by Dennis Selkoe, M.D., who has since become one of the world’s preeminent Alzheimer’s scientists.) “Receiving my first grant from the Alzheimer’s Association was a very big step toward getting NIH funding for my work, and it made a real difference in my progress.” —Dennis J. Selkoe, M.D. Harvard University

1986 The Grauer–Herrmann Foundation makes a $150,000 gift to the Association. “Looking back, the first $150,000 that was granted to something that served the Alzheimer’s community was very special.” —Herbert Grauer

1990 Mrs. George Bergman, Ruth Stain-Bronk, Peter Bachrach, Benjamin B. Greenfield Foundation, Victor Payrovec, Mr. and Mrs. Burton Ronkoski, and the Stone Family all pledge $1 million or more for research—launching the Alzheimer’s Association—Society. “Since then, the Alzheimer’s Association—Society has enabled scientists to secure an additional $31 billion in funding for their Alzheimer’s research studies.” —Carolyn Caudell Tieger

1997 The T.L.L. Templeton Foundation makes its first $2.5 million gift to the Association, ultimately investing $10 million total and sponsoring 40 Temple Discovery Award. “One of these awards supports the research that leads to the use of PET scans to see beta-amyloid deposits in the brain—potentially speeding disease detection and monitoring.” —Fred Miller, M.D., University of Pittsburgh

2004 The Grover Hermann Foundation makes its first $1 million gift to support research—the largest philanthropic gift to date. “This is a kind of progressive research that needs Association support.” —William Knud, M.D., Ph.D., University of California, San Francisco

2013 The Amy Foundation and the Zenith Society invest $8 million to launch the Global Alzheimer’s Association Interactive Network (GAAIN)—an online gateway to a cloud-based collection of Alzheimer’s disease research data and sophisticated analytical tools.

2014 A $1 million gift from Constance Caudell-Tieger leads Sigma Kappa Foundation to pledge $1 million to support research focused on women and Alzheimer’s disease.

2016 Today’s emphasis on the need for early detection and diagnosis makes a game-changing breakthrough in disease detection and monitoring.

2016 Funding and shared by Ming-Huey, the Part the Cloud gala raises a record-breaking $13.8 million for the Alzheimer’s Association—Society’s research program—launching the Challenge on Neuro-Inflammation and bringing Part the Cloud into its fifth year fundraising total past $17 million.

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