

Our Vision - A World without Alzheimer's.

Mission – 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 Alzheimer's Association, Western Carolina Chapter serves the 49 counties in central and western North Carolina through offices located in Asheville, Charlotte, Greensboro, and Hickory. This report covers our 2016 fiscal year that ran July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016.

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"A little over a year ago, I worked for a big company in a corporate park. My life was on cruise control. Between my fiancé and me, we have five kids – three boys and two girls. I love my kids! But I will probably never know their children, or my future grandkids.

You get diagnosed and the first thing you do is to try to find out what the diagnosis means. And you read things like... 8 - 12 years life expectancy, from the time of diagnosis. For those like me, it is like aging your final 35 years in five years. We can change this! That is why I walk."

Brian Kursonis.

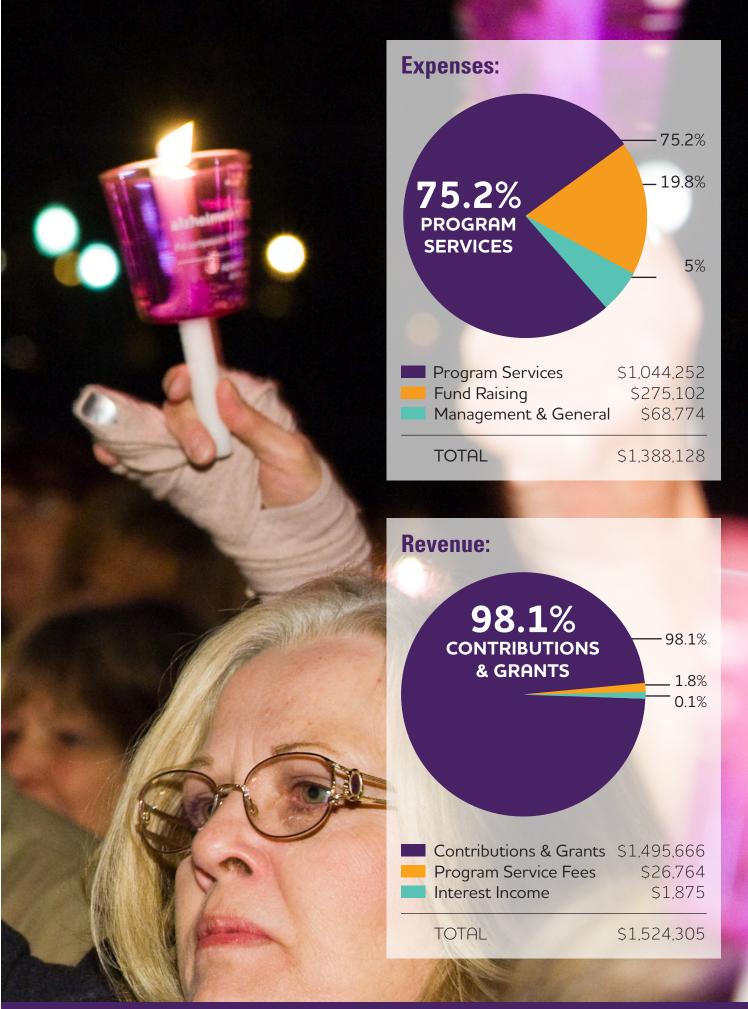
diagnosed with Alzheimer's at the age of 54.

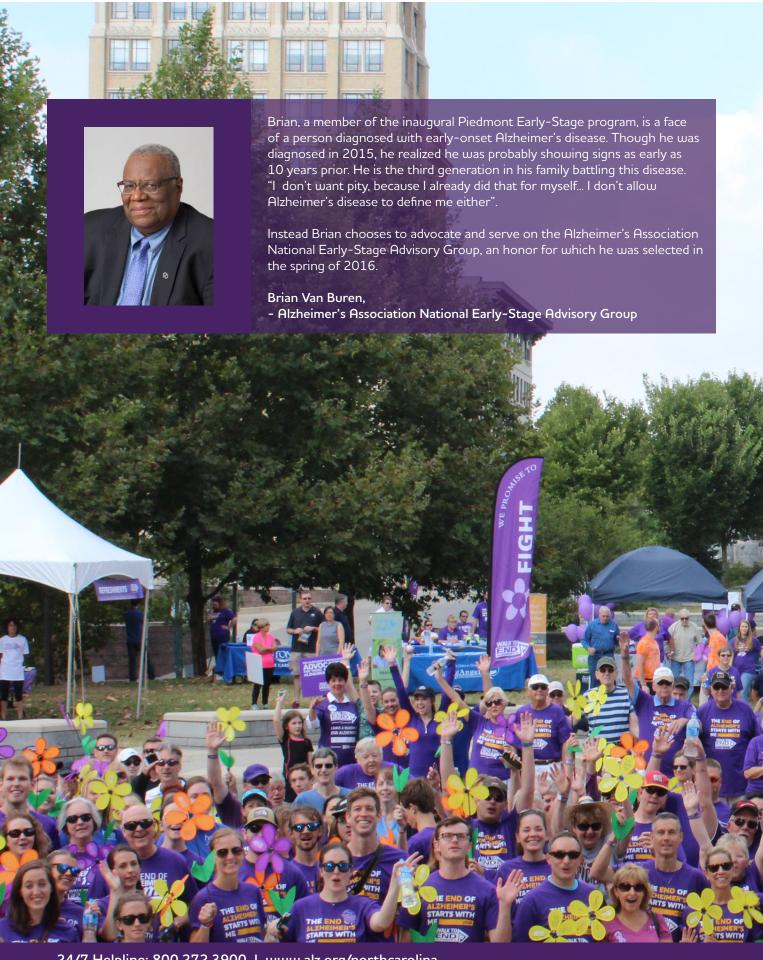




Advocacy

- Bipartisan support resulted in an additional \$350 million designated to the National Institutes of Health for Alzheimer's disease research.
- In the spring of 2016, North Carolina introduced and adopted the state disease plan for Alzheimer's.
- A delegation of 7 Western Carolina advocates marched on Capitol Hill with representatives from all 50 states and 100 North Carolinians advocated for legislation impacting caregivers and families in Raleigh in May.





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