

Volunteer Spotlight

Ryan Wang, Verona
Community Educator



Why I Volunteer

Volunteers are the glue that hold together the education programs brought to families by the Alzheimer's Association. With statewide, free classes, we are grateful for the dedication and commitment of our volunteers to help families on this journey. Ryan Wang is one of these committed volunteers and became a Community Educator for the Alzheimer's Association in 2021.

"When I was younger, I volunteered at a senior living community in the memory care area," Ryan said. "The sad reality, which I discovered, is that our society often disregards our elderly citizens, even though they are one of the most vulnerable populations. I was looking for an opportunity to work with the elderly again."

Ryan balances working full-time with being a Community Educator. He is trained on many of the core education programs – *Effective Communication Strategies*, *Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia* and *10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's* – and teaches virtual statewide classes.

"I encourage others to get involved with the Alzheimer's Association," Ryan said. "You can make such a difference in the lives of those on this journey, and their caregivers. It's also a great way to work on your public speaking skills. Participants are very engaged and take away a lot of good information."

Thank you, Ryan, for helping to deliver education to families in Wisconsin!

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