

Volunteer Position Descriptions

Advocate:

Advocates play an essential role in the Association's legislative efforts by taking political action in support of our cause. All you need is the desire to share your story and have your voice heard by your elected officials. Advocates are engaged in a variety of public policy activities, such as emailing, calling or writing legislators, attending Public Policy Conferences and Capital Day events, visiting legislators in home district offices, and helping to identify new advocates.

Ambassador:

The Alzheimer Ambassador Program is designed to enhance the Alzheimer's Association's federal government relations efforts through personal contact with targeted members of Congress. Ambassadors are constituents capable of building relationships with decision-makers and their staff and holding them accountable to their commitments to fighting Alzheimer's.

Ambassadors play a critical role in helping the Alzheimer's Association meet its federal legislative goals. They work directly with National Chicago and local staff to implement federal advocacy activities at the community level.

Ambassadors are responsible for scheduling regular in-district meetings with their U.S. Senator/Representative (or staff) to build rapport and request action on the Association's legislative priorities.

Community Educator:

Community Educators deliver a variety of Association-developed presentations targeted to specific audiences— the general public, individuals with Alzheimer's disease and their families, healthcare and eldercare professionals. Through these presentations, community educators discuss Alzheimer's disease and share information about local services. Training on the Association's core education programs is required. Must be an effective communicator with good public speaking skills, have basic knowledge of Alzheimer's disease and be interested in educating the public.

Association Representative:

Volunteers represent the Alzheimer's Association to community, civic, and faith-based groups. They staff the Alzheimer's Association resource tables at community health fairs and conferences, help raise awareness in the community about Alzheimer's disease and the mission and resources of the Alzheimer's Association. Volunteers will receive training on the basics of Alzheimer's disease and the Alzheimer's Association.

Administrative:

Volunteers assist with the general office duties such as answering phones, photocopying, faxing, assistance with mass mailings, filing, data entry, and aid in the overall workflow of the office.

Special Event Support:

Volunteers can assist with special events or conferences such as preparing materials, mass mailings, data entry and day-of-event/conference assistance such as registration check-in, set up, and hospitality.

Another option is to volunteer for our signature event **Walk to End Alzheimer's**. Volunteers are needed to participate in activities such as planning committees, thank you calls to Walk participants and day of event assistance.

General Caregiver Support Group Facilitator:

An Alzheimer's Association support group is an open gathering of people who come together to share their feelings, thoughts and experiences in a combined effort to better cope with and manage the shared problems of dementia in a safe environment. Facilitators hold support group meetings to provide emotional, social and educational support for family members and caregivers.

Facilitators must have strong listening skills and be effective communicators. Experience with dementia as a family member or health care professional is preferred. Ability to be empathic, create and maintain a safe environment and redirect and facilitate discussions is also required.

Early-Stage Support Group Facilitator:

The purpose of the Early-Stage Support Groups is to facilitate the process by which people with the diagnosis or their care partner/caregiver support each other and adjust to the disease process. The role of the facilitator is to create a supportive setting where group members connect with each other and benefit from the shared wisdom and experience of living with AD.

Degreed as a Masters-level mental health professional (e.g., social worker, psychologist, professional counselor) or equivalent experience is required. Must have experience facilitating support groups and working with people living in the early stages of chronic illness. Experience working with people with dementia is preferred.