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- 50% of those age 85 and older have the disease.
- By mid-century, the number of people with Alzheimer's is expected to grow to as many as 16 million.
- It's calculated that there is 36.5 billion in indirect costs to businesses for employees who are caregivers of people with Alzheimer's.
- Almost 10 million Americans provide unpaid care for a person with Alzheimer's disease or other dementia. In 2008, these family members, friends and neighbors provided 8.5 billion hours of unpaid care, a contribution to the nation valued at \$94 billion.
- 60% of family and other unpaid caregivers are women.
- 53% of the caregivers were aged 45-64; 30% were under age 45; and 16% were aged 65 or older.
- Alzheimer's disease is the 6^h leading cause of death across all ages in the U.S.
- The Heart of America Chapter serves 66 counties in Kansas and Missouri and provides resources, support services and educational programs to the person with the disease, family members and health care professionals.
- On average, the Chapter staff provides counseling services to families through one-on-one visits or by phone to 250 families a month.
- The Chapter hosts 60 monthly support groups throughout our bi-state service area with an average of 500 attendees per month.
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