Every dollar advances the fight against Alzheimer’s

The Alzheimer’s Association is a global organization, working to advance care, support and research across the world. From face-to-face support to online education programs and promising worldwide research initiatives, your donations make a difference in the lives of the millions of people affected by Alzheimer’s today and those who will face the disease tomorrow. Every dollar you raise helps to strengthen our efforts while moving us closer to our vision of a world without Alzheimer’s disease.

We provide care and support to all those facing Alzheimer’s.

Worldwide, an estimated 47 million people are living with Alzheimer’s. In the United States alone, more than 5 million are living with the disease, and over 15 million are acting as caregivers. To support these individuals, the Association uses donated funds to offer:

- Online message boards through ALZConnected® (alzconnected.org), a free service that allows those with the disease and their caregivers to exchange information and build relationships.
- In-person support groups, connecting those facing the disease with a network of help in their community.
- A free nationwide 24/7 Helpline (800.272.3900) — receiving more than 310,000 calls annually — staffed by specialists and master’s-level clinicians who provide support, offer information and suggest referrals, all day, every day.

We educate and raise awareness to grow understanding of the disease.

While we’ve made great strides in growing awareness of Alzheimer’s as a fatal disease that demands public attention, we still have a long way to go. To increase knowledge and support those facing the disease, your dollars provide:

- Educational programs and workshops on the 10 warning signs of Alzheimer’s, living with the disease, caregiving at different stages, and healthy lifestyle choices for the brain and body.
- Far-reaching campaigns to teach people the difference between Alzheimer’s disease and typical aging, and the power of early detection.
- alz.org®, a vast repository of information accessible from anywhere in the world. For many who are newly facing a diagnosis, alz.org is their first stop to learn about living with the disease and caregiving, access resources and plan for the future. The site includes information in 17 languages to reach a broad audience.
We drive research toward treatment, prevention and, ultimately, a cure.

As the world’s largest and most impactful nonprofit funder of Alzheimer’s disease research, the Alzheimer’s Association invests your dollars in innovative projects — from promising early studies to complex international collaborations — that hold the most potential to rapidly accelerate progress and change the devastating trajectory of the disease.

• The Association has awarded more than $350 million to over 2,300 scientific proposals, providing the funding for critical advancements, including the discovery of Pittsburgh compound B (PIB), the first radiotracer capable of showing beta-amyloid in the living brain during a PET scan.

• As an international force in the field, the Alzheimer’s Association brings the global research community together to collaborate, connect and address common challenges. The Association’s leadership in this area has resulted in landmark accomplishments, including the development of the first new diagnostic guidelines for Alzheimer’s disease in 27 years.

• With a team of the world’s foremost investigators, the Association studies the field for the areas of greatest need, driving support for transformational projects such as the Dominantly Inherited Alzheimer’s Network Trials Unit (DIAN TU). The Association’s $4.7 million grant in 2012 allowed this project, the first-ever Alzheimer’s disease prevention trial, to launch a year early.

We speak up for the needs and rights of people affected by Alzheimer’s.

The Alzheimer’s Association is the leading voice for Alzheimer’s advocacy. Your dollars fuel our efforts to advocate at the global, federal and state levels for the support our movement needs.

• The Association helped to pass landmark legislation such as the National Alzheimer’s Project Act, which mandated the creation of a national plan to fight Alzheimer’s disease. The plan addresses the rapidly escalating Alzheimer’s crisis and coordinates efforts toward its first goal to prevent and effectively treat Alzheimer’s by 2025.

• The Association works to ensure that federal policy reflects the urgency of the Alzheimer’s epidemic. Because of our efforts, the 2015 fiscal year funding bill included the full incorporation of the Alzheimer’s Accountability Act, which allows scientists at the National Institutes of Health to more fully communicate Alzheimer’s research needs directly to Congress.

• The Association recruits advocates nationwide, so that the need for Alzheimer’s care, education and research is heard at every level of government. Our unrelenting advocates amplify our message and work to ensure that Alzheimer’s disease is a priority to elected officials.

The movement to end Alzheimer’s disease starts in your backyard and stretches around the world. To join the efforts of the Alzheimer’s Association and make a donation, visit alz.org/joinus.