



the compassion to care, the leadership to conquer

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### **About the Alzheimer's Association Oregon Chapter**

The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer care, support and research.

#### **Our mission**

Our mission is 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.

#### **Our vision**

Our vision is a world without Alzheimer's.

#### **We are here to help**

The Alzheimer's Association is a leading source of information, education and support for millions of individuals, caregivers and care professional who face dementia every day.

The Oregon Chapter serves the 76,000 Oregonians living with Alzheimer's disease and their 125,000 care partners. We provide information, support, referrals, education and training, advocacy, and research.

- **Helpline – Care Consultation – Information and Referral**

Helpline is a 24 hour a day, seven days a week, toll-free phone service (800.272.3900) that provides emotional support, information about Alzheimer's disease, and community information and referral assistance to callers throughout the state in a personal and professional manner.

- **Support Groups**

Support groups, led by trained facilitators, provide families and caregivers with the emotional support and education they need to better understand Alzheimer's and other related dementias.

- **Education**

Education and training programs are offered for both family and professional caregivers. Programs range from basic education about Alzheimer's to specialized training programs on person-centered care, managing challenging behaviors, enhancing communication, and developing meaningful activities.

- **Medic Alert + Safe Return Program**

Individuals with Alzheimer's disease can lose their ability to recognize familiar places and faces and become lost in their own neighborhoods. Through enrollment in Safe Return, help is available 24 hours a day to assist in the safe and timely return of individuals who wander.

### **We advocate for change**

The Alzheimer's Association represents the interests of people living with the disease and their families to all levels of government. Through our advocacy efforts, we call on Congress to act now:

- Health care reform legislation must improve care for persons with Alzheimer's disease and their caregivers.
- Alzheimer's research funding must be significantly increased.
- Alzheimer's disease efforts must be driven by specific, actionable and coordinated federal and state strategic plans.

### **We're improving dementia care**

We're leading the way in making sure that dementia care is safe, respectful and meaningful for every individual through our Alzheimer's Association Campaign for Quality Residential Care.

As part of our initiative, we established specific recommendations to raise the standard of dementia care. In addition, we offer classroom and Web-based training based on these recommendations for direct care providers in assisted living and nursing homes.

### **We fund innovative Alzheimer research**

The Association has invested more than \$265 million in Alzheimer research and is a catalyst for generating new knowledge about Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. Our research grants program supports investigations into understanding the disease and improving the quality of life for people affected by it.

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