

About the Alzheimer's Association

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

Our mission

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

A world without Alzheimer's disease.

The Association's nationwide organization, founded in 1980 by a group of family caregivers, includes the national office in Chicago, the public policy office in Washington, D.C., and chapters in local communities.

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 professionals who face dementia every day.

- Our 24/7 Helpline (1.800.272.3900) can help you with a variety of issues, including treatments and clinical trials; care strategies; and legal, financial and housing decisions.
- Our award-winning Web site at www.alz.org is a rich resource that helps inform and educate our diverse audiences.
- MedicAlert® + Alzheimer's Association Safe Return® is our 24-hour nationwide emergency response service for individuals with Alzheimer's or related dementia that wander or who have a medical emergency.
- Alzheimer's Association CareSource™ is our online suite of resources that will help coordinate assistance from family and friends, locate senior housing, receive customized care recommendations and enhance caregiving skills.
- The Alzheimer's Association Green-Field Library, the nation's largest devoted to Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, provides reference and research services.

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 research funding must be significantly increased.
- Alzheimer's disease efforts must be driven by a specific, actionable and coordinated federal strategic plan.

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.

The annual Alzheimer's Association International Conference on Alzheimer's Disease (ICAD) brings together the greatest minds in dementia research to share the latest advances.

Join the cause

Help us end Alzheimer's disease.

- Connect with your local chapter by participating in a support group, getting information about care options or attending one of our educational workshops.
- Advocate for those affected by Alzheimer's and urge legislators to increase funding for care, support and research.
- Become an Alzheimer Champion. Help change the course of Alzheimer's disease by taking action. Find out how at www.actionalz.org.
- Volunteer with 35,000 others who work with us to provide essential services across the country.
- Participate in the [Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk®](#), the nation's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer care, support and research.
- Donate to help fund vital research and care programs.

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