

About the Alzheimer's Association

The Alzheimer's Association® is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support and research. Founded in 1980 by a group of family caregivers and individuals interested in research, the Association includes our home office in Chicago, a public policy office in Washington, D.C. and a presence in communities across the country.

An estimated 50 million people worldwide are living with dementia. In the United States alone, more than 5 million have Alzheimer's, and 16 million are providing unpaid care. The Association addresses this crisis by providing education and support to the millions who face dementia every day, while advancing critical research toward methods of treatment, prevention and, ultimately, a cure.

We provide care and support to those affected.

- Our free 24/7 Helpline (800.272.3900), staffed by master's-level clinicians and specialists, provides confidential support and information to all those affected in over 200 languages.
- Our website, alz.org®, is a rich resource designed to inform and educate multiple audiences, including those living with the disease, caregivers and professional health care providers.
- We conduct face-to-face support groups and education programs in communities nationwide, and work to ensure that these services reach underserved populations.
- We provide innovative resources to support those living with Alzheimer's and their caregivers, including ALZConnected®, an online community, and LiveWell, a suite of online tools to empower those living with the disease.
- We make it easy for families to find programs and services using the Alzheimer's Association & AARP Community Resource Finder, a comprehensive database of dementia and aging-related resources.
- To help individuals receive an accurate and timely diagnosis, and to improve access to care, we provide tools for clinicians, including continuing medical education and a cognitive assessment toolkit.

We accelerate research and create a path for global progress.

- As the world's largest nonprofit funder of Alzheimer's research, the Alzheimer's Association has invested over \$455 million to nearly 3,000 best-of-field grant proposals, leading to exciting advances such as the development of Pittsburgh Compound B (PIB) which made amyloid buildup, a hallmark of Alzheimer's, visible in the living brain through a PET scan.
- We advance the field by convening the annual Alzheimer's Association International Conference® (AAIC®), the world's largest and most influential forum for the dementia research community.
- We play a key role in increasing knowledge about prevention and risk reduction. In 2018, the Association funded and implemented U.S. POINTER, a first-of-its-kind lifestyle intervention trial to reduce risk of cognitive decline and dementia. The Association is also funding SPRINT MIND 2.0, a study to clarify the role of lowering blood pressure in reducing dementia risk.
- We accelerate research through TrialMatch®, a free clinical studies matching service for people living with the disease, caregivers and healthy volunteers.

We advocate for the needs and rights of people facing Alzheimer's.

- Working with the Alzheimer's Impact Movement (AIM), the Association's advocacy arm, we assemble and train a nationwide network of advocates whose voices are critical in engaging elected officials.
- We help pass landmark legislation such as the National Alzheimer's Project Act, which mandated the creation of a national plan to fight Alzheimer's and coordinates efforts toward its first goal to prevent and effectively treat the disease by 2025.
- We strengthen the federal government's commitment to Alzheimer's research. In 2018, the Association and AIM helped secure a historic \$425 million funding increase, bringing total funding for Alzheimer's research at the National Institutes of Health to \$2.4 billion annually.
- We secure quality health care services for those affected. The Alzheimer's Association and AIM were instrumental in a 2016 decision by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services ensuring that people with Alzheimer's have access to care planning with a medical professional through Medicare.

Learn more and join our cause. Visit alz.org.

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