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Every 66 seconds, someone in the United States develops Alzheimer’s disease.

With more than five million Americans living with Alzheimer’s, it’s becoming harder to find someone who hasn’t been touched by this disease. Here in Massachusetts and New Hampshire, we have an estimated 144,000 individuals living with Alzheimer’s and almost 400,000 family and friends providing care for those individuals. We know when Alzheimer’s strikes that you can’t go through the journey alone, that is why we must all work together until we reach our vision of a world without Alzheimer’s.

Together, through the work of our staff, volunteers, advocates, event participants, community partnerships, corporate supporters and civic leaders, we’ve expanded our reach in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Together, we’ve evolved the way our communities support families by working closely with Dementia Friendly Community initiatives, increasing our partnerships with health care providers and insurers, and ensuring that our police, fire and first responders are trained to have effective interactions with those living with dementia. Together, with the help of our fundraising events, we have mobilized thousands of individuals to raise awareness and funds that directly benefit families impacted by Alzheimer’s in our communities while also contributing to groundbreaking research in our region and across the globe.

We are excited to share the work you’ve helped us accomplish together, thanks to your generous support.

Faith Parker, Chair, Board of Directors
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FINANCIALS

Our local Massachusetts/New Hampshire Chapter total revenues for FY17 (July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017) were $14,450,991. Total expenditures were $14,626,990 with 80% going directly to Alzheimer’s care, support, research, awareness and advocacy.

The Alzheimer’s Association exceeds relevant watchdog standards in its allocation of donor dollars. According to the Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance, nonprofit organizations should spend at least 65% of total expenses on program activities, with remaining funds going to administrative and fundraising expenses.

The Massachusetts/New Hampshire Chapter was proud to merge with other chapters across the United States into one unified and nationwide organization effective July 1, 2016. Due to the merger, audited financials are now released on a consolidated basis for the entire merged organization only. These most recent audited financial statements are available at alz.org/about_us_financial_report.asp. Local results are unaudited.
MISSION METRICS

As the world’s leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer’s care, support and research, we remain committed to serving the 144,000 people living with Alzheimer’s in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. For the nearly 400,000 family and friends caring for someone with Alzheimer’s or another dementia in our two states, we’re here to help you create a network of support.

The Alzheimer’s Association continues to lead the charge for greater public awareness and more advances in research. Through the support of our generous donors, we’ve made significant progress. Our goal is to ensure no one faces Alzheimer’s or dementia alone—and we won’t stop until we find a cure.

DURING THE PAST YEAR...

- **20,117** people reached through education programs, conferences & community outreach
- **120** Association trained support groups
- **9,097** calls to the 24/7 Helpline
- **2,916** care consultations provided to families at no cost
- **1,092** direct referrals from physicians, insurers & health care systems
- **2,000** volunteers supporting our mission
- **21,303** advocates taking action
- **$3,166,141** given to local researchers through our national grants program
- **3,107** health care professionals trained
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WE’VE SUPPORTED COMMUNITIES IMPACTED BY ALZHEIMER’S
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ALZHEIMER’S ASSOCIATION
PROGRAMS, SERVICES
& SUPPORT

Alzheimer’s and other dementias are impacting our communities on every level—that is why it is important to work together. Our Chapter’s quest to reach individuals living with the disease, family caregivers, members of the community and health care professionals continues to grow each year as we expand our reach through the hard work of our staff, volunteers and community partners. As we highlight the work of our programs and services throughout Massachusetts and New Hampshire this year, we also encourage you to learn more by visiting us at alz.org/MANH.

2017 HIGHLIGHTS

• From questions to crisis, for people living with Alzheimer’s, caregivers, professionals and beyond—our 24/7 Helpline responded to 9,097 requests for information and support.

• We were proud to offer individualized and customized support through 2,916 care consultations at no cost to those receiving the service.

• In our two states over 120 support groups for caregivers or people living with Alzheimer’s and dementia are meeting regularly. These groups are led by 157 volunteer facilitators trained by our Chapter. In FY17, we offered our support group facilitator training in all corners of our two states, welcoming 150 potential new volunteer facilitators.

• Our Alz Meet Up program continued its expansion in all regions of our two states, advancing our mission to connect and empower people living with mild Alzheimer’s or a memory disorder. Attendees join their care partners and peers for fun social engagement opportunities around art, nature, fitness and more.

• The Power + Purpose Advisory Group, made up of people living with dementia and their care partners, continues to meet regularly to provide feedback on our programs, public policy and outreach efforts. We are proud to say that some members of this group also currently serve on our Board of Directors.

• Along with reaching 20,117 people through our education programs, community outreach and conferences, we expanded our presence in the community by working closely with Dementia Friendly Community initiatives, including the unveiling of the Association’s Our Town initiative to champion citizen engagement, business engagement and faith-centered support.

• We continued our work to train over 3,000 health care professionals in 2017 throughout both states to ensure a quality standard of care for all those affected through programs like our train-the-trainer model Habilitation Therapy and the Map Through the Maze Conference which welcomed over 700 dementia care professionals—including over 90 speakers—from New England and beyond.
POLICE AND FIRST RESPONDER TRAINING

As a police officer, there is a critical need to understand how to effectively intervene when responding to a call involving someone living with dementia. The Alzheimer’s Association, MA/NH Chapter recognized this critical need and took action to further enhance the Massachusetts Silver Alert Law by creating a training program in collaboration with state Law Enforcement.

In 2015, as part of their mandatory education, it was established that all veteran police officers were required to participate in the 3-hour law enforcement training program by June 2017. To ensure that all officers were able to meet this requirement, our Chapter delivered training to 90 certified police instructors who, in turn, provided the dementia education program to their respective departments and academies. Statewide, approximately 10,000 veteran police officers have received this training.

In New Hampshire, we continue to deliver quarterly dementia training to recruits at the New Hampshire Police Academy.

Understanding that the need for effective and safe interventions extends beyond police officers, the Chapter also focused on the training of fire, emergency medical technicians (EMT) and other first responders. In 2017, the City of Boston made training mandatory for all fire and EMT personnel. Our staff delivered training to 30 instructors who in turn provided dementia education to the city’s 1,300 fire and EMT workforce. This year, we also offered fire and EMT training for the workforce in Gardner, Massachusetts, the Berkshires and Cape Cod and the Islands.

DEMENTIA CARE COORDINATION

To ensure that people with dementia and their caregivers have access to resources earlier in the disease process, our Chapter partners with health care organizations to change the way Alzheimer’s disease is managed through our Dementia Care Coordination program. The Chapter is currently partnering with nine organizations (health care providers or insurers) to provide critical ongoing support for diagnosed individuals and their caregivers.

EXPANDING OUR MISSION WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

The impact that Alzheimer’s and dementia has on our communities is extending far beyond our reach, which is why we must all work together. The Alzheimer’s Association is proud to partner with volunteers, businesses, community leaders, health care organizations and public safety workers to ensure that our communities are safe, capable and supported. When facing Alzheimer’s and dementia, you can’t do it alone and we can’t either— that is why we are excited to highlight some of the work with our community partners throughout 2017.

10,000

veteran police officers trained in Massachusetts
Once a partnership is established, a Memory Specialist is assigned to the organization. The organization obtains verbal consent from the caregiver and makes a referral to the assigned Memory Specialist. From there, the Memory Specialist proactively calls the patient and caregiver to initiate a care consultation, reviewing a broad range of topics to establish an individualized and customized care plan. The care plan is also shared with the referring organization and is intended to become part of the permanent medical record. Thanks to the current Dementia Care Coordination partnerships, our team of six Memory Specialists worked with over 1,000 families this year.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME)

Knowing that quality care for Alzheimer’s disease and dementia starts with an early, documented diagnosis, our Chapter worked with our Medical and Scientific Advisory Committee to create a CME program geared toward primary care physicians with the goal of providing a greater opportunity for clinicians to share best practices and provide more accurate and earlier diagnoses. Together with the help of the committee, we created an in-depth informational grand rounds presentation that was submitted to and approved by the Massachusetts Medical Society. In 2017, we hosted two grand rounds presentations reaching over 40 physicians. As we look ahead to 2018, we plan to continue to host these presentations each quarter, as well as offering the curriculum in a self-paced online format to reach more physicians who may not have access to grand rounds presentations.

Over 1,000 families served thanks to the current Dementia Care Coordination partnerships
With an understanding that the African-American and Hispanic population are in need of our programs and services, much of our diversity outreach is focused on those two populations. We have also provided education to the Portuguese, Brazilian, Asian and LGBTQ communities throughout our Chapter area. Together with the help of our staff, community partners and a dedicated group of volunteer ambassadors we’ve expanded our outreach to diverse communities in 2017. Our staff and volunteers presented education programs, staffed resource tables at community health fairs, facilitated Spanish speaking support groups in person or over the phone and fielded interviews on radio and television to promote awareness throughout both states. Thanks to these outreach efforts, we’ve reached over 2,500 Latinos, African-Americans and Asians in 2017.

2017 HIGHLIGHTS

- We focused our efforts on diversity outreach during June, Alzheimer’s & Brain Awareness Month, by mailing toolkits with Alzheimer’s Association resources to 17 African-American churches throughout the Greater Boston Region and 49 Hispanic and Portuguese churches in Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

- Throughout the year, we were welcomed by diversity focused community organizations to provide an overview of the Association and its services. Beginning in August of 2017, in collaboration with the Commission on Affairs of the Elderly, we offered a monthly educational and social engagement series in Boston with a focus on serving African-American community members with a diagnosis of mild memory loss and their care partners.

- In 2016, we coordinated and implemented the first Spanish speaking Memory Café in Lawrence, Massachusetts in collaboration with the Lawrence Council on Aging. In 2017, we helped launch the first Spanish speaking Memory Café in Boston in collaboration with Caregiver Homes and La Alianza Hispana. To expand this initiative, we have developed a webinar training in Spanish on how to start a Memory Café, in collaboration with Jewish Family & Children Services, the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs and the Lawrence Council on Aging.

- Along with the 22 education programs delivered in Spanish and 23 resource tables staffed at Spanish speaking health fairs and events, we held two movie screenings and discussions in Spanish of “Deseando la vida,” a film featuring a person in the early stages of Alzheimer’s.

REACHING DIVERSE COMMUNITIES

At the 2017 Alzheimer’s Association International Conference, a series of studies confirmed racial inequities in the numbers of people with Alzheimer’s and other dementias. One of the most startling statistics reported was that one single major stressful event in early life is equal to four years of cognitive aging. The study showed African-Americans are at greatest risk; on average they experience over 60% more stressful life events as compared to non-Hispanic Whites. From previous studies, we also know that African-Americans are about two times more likely than White Americans to have Alzheimer’s and other dementias and Hispanics are about one and one-half times more likely.
VOLUNTEER PROFILE

LUCELY RINCON

Alzheimer’s disease and dementia have no boundaries. The Alzheimer’s Association relies on dedicated volunteers to broaden the scope of our organization. Our volunteers are passionate and driven. They put their energy into everything they do for the cause, and at the heart of the Jamaica Plain community, you’ll find Lucely Rincon.

Lucely is a member of her local church’s health ministry, a childcare worker to three children, and a Faith Ambassador for the Alzheimer’s Association, Massachusetts/New Hampshire Chapter.

Lucely joined the Chapter as a volunteer in 2015 after meeting the Diversity Outreach Manager, Leonor Buitrago, at a community health fair in Jamaica Plain she helped organize through her health ministry. She credits that meeting with Leonor as the catalyst for joining the Chapter’s Diversity Outreach team as a Faith Ambassador.

Faith Ambassadors work actively in their communities of faith spreading the word about the Alzheimer’s Association’s programs, services and fundraising events. Along with her outreach as an Ambassador to three churches in Jamaica Plain, Lucely staffs resource tables at events for the Hispanic community and volunteers her time in the Chapter’s Waltham headquarters making phone calls, mailing information packets and translating materials into Spanish.

“I know I am part of a team that is working hard day-to-day to eradicate such a devastating disease. The people working here continuously demonstrate respect and solidarity. I have been blessed to be able to work with the people on the 24/7 Helpline. I witness firsthand how their counseling gave reassurances to families in distress. They give you hope and comfort in times of great stress.”

In addition to Lucely’s full-time job and volunteer work, she is a long distance caregiver for her mother who lives in Colombia, “the first time I found out about my mother’s struggles with Alzheimer’s, someone who was going through the same thing gave me comfort and hope. I love to give comfort, hope and understanding to someone going through the same thing.”
Although Lucely’s family is thousands of miles away, she’s gained a new support system through the Alzheimer’s Association.

“Lucely has been a key part of our success with outreach to churches in Hispanic communities,” shares Leonor Buitrago. “She is fully committed to our cause and is a welcome part of the Alzheimer’s Association family.”

“I know I am part of a team that is working hard day-to-day to eradicate such a devastating disease.”

– LUCELY RINCON
TOGETHER
WE ARE ELEVATING ALZHEIMER’S FROM A DISEASE TO A CAUSE
ADVOCACY AND PUBLIC POLICY: STANDING UP FOR THOSE AFFECTED, CHANGING THE COURSE OF THE FUTURE

In Massachusetts and New Hampshire over 21,000 advocates pledged to support the fight to end Alzheimer’s. Together, with our advocates, we continued our quest to make Alzheimer’s a top priority from our State Houses to the White House.

2017 HIGHLIGHTS

• 58 advocates representing Massachusetts and New Hampshire traveled to Washington D.C. for the Alzheimer’s Association Advocacy Forum. Through the work and dedication of our advocates marching on Capitol Hill and meeting with members of Congress, we saw a $400 million increase in research funding at the National Institutes for Health (NIH) signed into law in May for the fiscal year 2017. This brought annual NIH research funding up to $1.4 billion. The House and Senate Appropriations Committees approved an additional $414 million NIH increase in Alzheimer’s research funding for the 2018 fiscal year that we hope will be signed into law.

• Our New Hampshire Senate Bill 166 was signed into law, establishing a commission to assess the capabilities of the workforce in long-term and acute care settings to ensure they are trained and prepared to care for the increasing numbers of people living with Alzheimer’s and dementia and other cognitive brain injuries.

• Through advocacy and outreach in collaboration with our partners at the New Hampshire Alliance for Healthy Aging, the state of New Hampshire approved a 5% increase in funding for home and community-based service providers. This increase was quite significant as it was the first in ten years.

• After a threat to remove New Hampshire’s Health and Human Services Alzheimer’s respite grant funds from this year’s budget, the Association joined other stakeholders to successfully advocate for respite funds to remain in place.

• In Massachusetts, thanks to the previous passage of S.295, an Acute Care Advisory Committee, including representatives from the Alzheimer’s Association, was established and completed work to ensure that people with dementia receive the best possible care in a hospital setting. A comprehensive set of recommendations were crafted that will become the standard of care in Massachusetts, requiring every hospital to implement an operational plan for how medical care will be delivered for cognitively impaired patients. Each plan will include protocols for comprehensive screening, staff training, inpatient protocols and effective discharge planning which includes support for family caregivers. We hope this first in the nation acute care plan will become a model for the country.

$400 million increase in research funding at the National Institutes for Health (NIH)
• Work continues in Massachusetts on S.1224/H.1200, legislation that would require physician training in the diagnosis and treatment of Alzheimer’s, attached to the bi-annual licensing of physicians. Grassroots advocacy efforts over the past year have garnered the support of over half the Massachusetts Legislature and ten sponsoring organizations including Biogen and Tufts Health Plan. The Chapter’s Medical and Scientific Advisory Committee has been instrumental in testifying before the legislature, drafting letters of support and advising on the importance of this measure.

21,000 advocates pledged to support the fight to end Alzheimer’s
PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS: “NORMAL UNTIL IT’S NOT”

Together, with the help of key donors, we were able to unveil a new and groundbreaking public awareness campaign: “Normal Until it’s Not.” With the help of the donated funds, we collaborated with a local advertising agency, Full Contact, which created an entire multimedia campaign including television, radio, print, billboards and public transit. The spirit of collaboration continued, as we shared the designs and concepts of the entire campaign with individuals living with dementia for their feedback and review. Together, with the help of so many collaborators, our “Normal Until it’s Not” campaign raised awareness of the warning signs of cognitive impairment and connected the public with the Alzheimer’s Association’s 24/7 Helpline and resources.

The collaboration didn’t end there. Thanks to the work of dedicated advocates and the Chapter’s public policy team, we were able to secure $50,000 in state funding earmarked for outreach to diverse communities and demographics. Between a strong advertising campaign featuring television, radio, print, and digital and the creation of collateral such as church fans or brochures and postcards reprinted in various languages, we continued to build a footprint within the most diverse communities in the state.

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VOLUNTEERS:
MISSION MOVERS

Without volunteers, it would be impossible to reach our goals as an organization. The individuals that have donated their time to our Chapter arrive at the organization in various ways, however, they all have one thing in common—the desire to make a difference in the fight to end Alzheimer’s. Throughout the year, our work was supported by approximately 2,000 volunteers across all departments.

Our Chapter has also benefited from the support of corporate volunteers from numerous businesses. This year we are grateful to the companies that dedicated employee time to support our mission, including organizations such as Liberty Mutual, Qiagen, Acceleron Pharma and Perkin Elmer (shown below).
CAUSE MARKETING: 
PARTNERING WITH BRANDS 
TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

In 2017, we celebrated our seventh year collaborating with Rapid Refill and Volta Oil on the Purple Pump-Up for Alzheimer’s campaign. Patrons to fifteen Rapid Refill locations in Massachusetts and New Hampshire donated at the gas pumps and in their stores during the 6-week campaign. On top of asking for donations, MPG Corporation donated five cents from every gallon of gas purchased on June 21, in recognition of our fundraising event The Longest Day. Combined with support from their vendors and a generous match of funds raised by associates, the campaign raised over $118,000 this year. We are grateful to this partnership, spearheaded by long-time board member, Alzheimer’s advocate and Rapid Refill Chairman, Jim Garrett.

Nominated by Morgan Stanley, Boston based florist Winston Flowers chose the Alzheimer’s Association as their Charity in Bloom recipient for the month of February. Thanks to this partnership, Winston designed a beautiful bouquet of purple roses delivered to homes and businesses nationwide with 20% of sales benefiting the Association. Along with the flowers, information on our 24/7 Helpline accompanied each bouquet. Proceeds from the Charity in Bloom bouquet totaled over $21,000.

Since 2011, The TJX Companies, Inc., parent company of brands such as Marshalls, has been active with the Association on a local and national level in the fight to end Alzheimer’s. Starting in 2013, Marshalls stores across the nation launched a two-week “Take A Dollar” fundraising program, engaging customers to donate to the Association at the checkout. As we mark the fifth year of this successful nationwide campaign, we thank Marshalls and The TJX Companies, Inc., for their commitment to raise awareness and funds nationwide to support our vision of a world without Alzheimer’s disease.

Over $118,000 
raised from the Purple Pump-Up campaign

Over $21,000 
in proceeds from the Winston Flowers Charity in Bloom bouquet
ONE DAY AT A TIME
HAND IN HAND

John and Christine Gallagher sit side by side in the home they built together at the end of a wooded road surrounded by beautiful gardens and the peaceful sounds of nature. It’s hard to ignore the connection between the two while sitting across from them, their love and warmth fill the space making you feel right at home.

Twenty-five years ago, John and Christine Gallagher met while working together with the Massachusetts Department of Education to develop the state’s curriculum and testing program. “We traveled to Worcester and Boston for training; then we went back to our respective school systems to try to bring about change,” Christine shares.

At the time they met, Christine was a special education teacher in New Bedford living close by in Dartmouth. John was living in Leominster where he had a long career as an educator in town. He started as a science teacher at the junior high school, moving on to teach biology at the high school where he eventually became Head of the Science Department before finishing his career as the Science District Coordinator for the city’s public school district.

“For seven years, we traveled back and forth one hundred miles just to see each other once or twice a week,” says John. Ready to settle into a home together after years of traveling, the Gallaghers built their North Dartmouth home fourteen years ago. After the house was built, they spent time together planting every plant and flower to create a peaceful oasis for the couple and the neighboring wildlife to enjoy. In fact, within the walls of their home, you will find photos taken by John from right in their backyard. John, a passionate freelance photographer for years, has snapped award-winning photos of insects, flowers, birds, deer, fox, coyote and so much more, right in their backyard.

In September of 2012 on Christine’s birthday, the couple married, exchanging vows and celebrating their love right in their home. They were joined by friends and family, including John’s two sons and Christine’s two daughters from their previous marriages. Twenty years, thousands of miles traveled to get to that moment, and their journey as a family was just about to begin.
Today, the Gallagher’s home is decked out in purple in preparation for a fundraiser and celebration for the 2017 Southeastern Massachusetts Walk to End Alzheimer’s. They sit in front of a backdrop of numbered photographs taken by John in their backyard and through their travels together. These photos will be sold off to the highest bidder in a silent auction; all to support a cause that they never expected would become so close to their hearts when they met twenty-five years ago.

Not too soon after the couple married, Christine and John’s son Tim began to notice a change in John’s memory. John noted it took him a while to realize the changes since his retirement, “at the time I dismissed that it had anything to do with a problem in my brain. As the time went on, I became more aware that perhaps something was going on.”

“At first it was frustrating,” Christine acknowledges. “Our primary care physician thought John was fine after multiple tests with a neurologist. John’s son Tim, helped us to find Boston Center for Memory and they gave John an MRI, PET scan and numerous cognitive tests and family surveys.”

In March of 2013, John was diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer’s. He was accepted into a clinical research study at Boston Center for Memory. John spent three and a half years in the study, and after its completion, he was accepted into a new research study that he still participates in today.
The Gallaghers’ commitment to clinical trials stems from the relationships they’ve made with the staff at Boston Center for Memory, the ongoing care that John is receiving through monthly check-ups tracking his physical and cognitive abilities, the socialization the experience provides and their hope to make a change for future generations.

“We’re all about helping the future. The disease tied our hands, but that is not gonna stop us from living day to day and doing all we can to help out our future,” says Christine.

The couple admitted, in the beginning, they didn’t share John’s diagnosis with friends and extended family. John would always say he didn’t feel any different so why should he worry. In the meantime, Christine spent her nights scouring the Internet for any help and resources she could find, “I needed help. I would try to figure out what would make me feel better. Because if I could feel better, I could help John feel the best he could. That’s when I came across the Alzheimer’s Association, and the first thing I did was find a support group.”

Christine credits the Alzheimer’s Association, a local support group and a therapist knowledgeable in Alzheimer’s with providing the much-needed support she and John initially desired. In 2016, the Gallaghers registered for the Association’s Southeastern Massachusetts Walk to End Alzheimer’s in New Bedford. Christine and John attended the event with twenty-seven friends and family, “that is when we let everyone know about John’s diagnosis. We were overwhelmed, yet comforted by the support and respect we received at the Walk. It propelled us into becoming involved. Since then we have become very active advocates, and we’re happier people.”

Since the Gallaghers first joined the Walk to End Alzheimer’s they’ve continued to take advantage of the various support, education and advocacy opportunities at the Association. They’ve called the 24/7 Helpline, attended Alz Meet Ups, talked with local legislators at the Massachusetts State House and kept up with the latest research by attending the Spring Research Forum and Simons Symposium.

In March of 2017, the couple traveled to Washington D.C. for the Alzheimer’s Association Advocacy Forum where John addressed the crowd of 1,300 advocates from across the country. “I was very honored to represent Massachusetts. During those three days, I encouraged all to think positively about their future. Representatives from different states came up to my wife and I to thank us for what we had to say and hoped to invite us to visit their states. The support and respect we received made the Forum special for us.”

“When you find out you have a debilitating disease, people don’t know what to say or what to do. But when you get together with people who have an understanding of it, that’s where you find respect. John is respected at Boston Center for Memory...
“It goes back to Alzheimer’s, even though Alzheimer’s is disastrous, it fine-tuned us back into making sure we’re doing things that are important to us.”
– CHRISTINE GALLAGHER

for what he does; he is respected at the State House cause he’s willing to speak; he’s respected when he goes to Washington D.C. The respect and support are encouraging.”

John continues to stay active in his passion for the cause and life. Over the last year, he has averaged 10 miles of walking a day, a feat he proudly shares. John has always been a golfer and continues to hit the links with his friends, leaving the golf cart behind to add to his daily miles. Finally, since the diagnosis, he and Christine have become travelers—visiting places like Peru, Ireland, Greece, Italy, Spain, Thailand, Africa and more.

Through the couple’s travels, they’ve seen ancient ruins and historical sites. They’ve immersed themselves in different cultures listening to the region’s music, enjoying the local cuisine and making friends along the way. As teachers, the Gallaghers have carried their passion to educate and connect along with them on their travels.

John reflects on a trip into the jungles of Thailand, “we knew they had schools there in the jungle. We collected pencils and supplies and brought them with us. The bus dropped us off, and we got into an area that was all surrounded by metal benches in the middle of the jungle. The kids came along, and we’re thinking ‘what will they be like?’ They came up and were hugging us by the arms, leaning into us, teaching us to play games. It was incredibly beautiful.”

Sitting with John and Christine, you can see the joy that they feel while John shares the stories of their travels. Before John’s diagnosis, Christine was always traveling with friends, while John was more likely to be found out in nature taking photographs or on the golf course with friends. Receiving the diagnosis made the couple focus on doing the things they’ve always talked about doing.

“It goes back to Alzheimer’s, even though Alzheimer’s is disastrous, it fine-tuned us back into making sure we’re doing things that are important to us. And it just happens to help, and it makes us happy in general. It goes hand in hand. One day at a time, hand in hand,” says Christine.

The Gallaghers credit their family, friends and the support network they’ve made along the way with making it this far in their journey with Alzheimer’s disease. Their philosophy in life is to stay active, healthy, connect with others and to stay positive.

“Thinking positive is big. The fact that this cause is moving in a positive direction and that we are involved with positive and caring people is an indication that this disease is on its way to be eliminated from the world,” John reflects. “If not in our lifetime, certainly in the lifetime of our loved ones to come.”

“We don’t know where this disease will take us, or for how long this disease will cause turbulence in our lives. However, we do know that we will always seek the resources, people and friends that will help us in this journey,” says Christine.

Reflecting on where they are today, Christine shares her advice as a care partner, “first, if you have any instinct that something is wrong, go with your instinct. Make sure you call the Alzheimer’s Association for guidance and help. Find a support group. Get into clinical trials if possible, the monthly appointments may seem bothersome, but the actual physical and mental care you get is worth it. Resources are important; there are books, there are people—every minute is learning, but not quitting. Get an elder care attorney, so that you can get your life and finances in order. Then... live the life you both deserve.”
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WE ENGAGED LEADERS
HOPE ON THE HARBOR

Boston’s Seaport World Trade Center welcomed over 600 guests from area corporations, foundations and the philanthropic community for the fifth annual *Hope on the Harbor* dinner. Chaired by Thomas A. Croswell, President and CEO of Tufts Health Plan and Michel Vounatsos, CEO of Biogen, the event honored Carol M. Meyrowitz, Executive Chairman of the TJX Companies, Inc., and her family as this year’s *Hope Family Champions* for their extraordinary personal contributions to the mission of the Alzheimer’s Association. The Honorable Governor Charlie Baker attended the event and offered moving remarks about his family’s experience with Alzheimer’s while sharing encouraging words of support to the cause. The evening capped off with a text to donate mobile fundraising challenge—attendees were encouraged to take to their phones and meet the generous $50,000 match offered by Biogen and The Cammarata Family Foundation. We express our sincere gratitude to the Executive Dinner Committee, sponsors and guests who helped raise over $1 million in 2017.
“Hope on the Harbor has been a great success over the past five years, raising more than five million dollars since we began in 2012.”

– CLARE RICHER, Retired CFO, Putman Investments & Co-Chair, Executive Dinner Committee
**Hope on the Harbor**

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IT STARTED WITH A SPARK

At the edge of the Financial District in Boston sits a skyscraper at One Lincoln Street, also known as the State Street Financial Center. The building houses the corporate headquarters for State Street, and on the 30th floor you’ll find Jim Ross, Executive Vice President of State Street Global Advisors, Chairman of the Global SPDR Business and board member for the Alzheimer’s Association, Massachusetts/New Hampshire Chapter.

A Newton native, Ross joined State Street 25 years ago, moving into his executive leadership role in 2013. His growth with the company speaks volumes, and under his leadership, what has truly made an impact in the Alzheimer’s community began as a spark, “I was looking to get more involved with a nonprofit organization to support State Street’s goals of having its executive leaders support our community through engagement.”
As Jim began to research nonprofits, he came across the Alzheimer’s Association, “what impressed me immediately about the Alzheimer’s Association was the completeness of their mission. From their care and support to the promotion of brain health to reduce the risk of dementia and the depth of the research agenda. In addition to the mission, it’s the awareness they are bringing to this disease globally.”

“This cause is personal to me,” he reveals. “While our family debated whether my mother’s dementia was Alzheimer’s, in her later years there was no doubt there was a significant cognitive decline which was a challenge for us. But one of my first interactions with Alzheimer’s came thirty years ago when a good friend’s mother was diagnosed at the age of 52. My friend was in her early twenties—she and her family had no idea what to do.”

Reflecting back on that time Jim shares, “today I would have told them to reach out to the Alzheimer’s Association, they can help in many ways.”

In late 2014, Jim joined the Alzheimer’s Association’s Hope on the Harbor Executive Dinner Committee. The committee fondly referred to Jim as “Rookie of the Year” as he worked to successfully engage his professional and personal network for the 2015 event.

As current Co-Chair of the Executive Dinner Committee, Jim is already gearing up for a successful sixth year next June, “I believe Hope on the Harbor is becoming one of Boston’s preeminent charitable events. The cause resonates with so many that want to get involved. Everyone I invite to the dinner leaves with more information about the disease and a much closer personal connection to the organization. I receive numerous thank you notes from participants thanking me for inviting them.”

Since his first meeting with the Executive Dinner Committee for Hope on the Harbor four years ago, Jim’s commitment to the Alzheimer’s Association has grown each year, and State Street continues to follow his lead, “when I got involved with the Alzheimer’s Association, State Street already had a Walk to End Alzheimer’s team and volunteers participating in the event.”

In 2012, Financial Analyst Joe Figler from State Street Bank and Trust in Quincy engaged the help of the Disability Awareness Alliance (DAA), an employee resource group at State Street. Through the DAA, Figler shared information about the Alzheimer’s Association with staff connecting employees with support and resources from the Association while securing funds to be donated to the Walk to End Alzheimer’s. In 2012, Figler started a team for the Greater Boston Walk to End Alzheimer’s, welcoming 13 participants who raised over $3,300 during their inaugural year. Each year, the company’s involvement in the Walk to End Alzheimer’s has continued to grow, “as I strategized with Joe, we decided to work on ways to improve State Street’s overall participation, both in the number of walkers and volunteers and in fundraising. We decided to launch a competition for the 2016 Walk, challenging various divisions of State Street to participate.”

And it worked. Last Fall State Street had their largest presence yet, welcoming 90 participants and 35 volunteers, “since 2012, State Street’s Walk to End Alzheimer’s team has engaged 178 participants and raised over $70,000.”

In 2017, along with moving up to Co-Chair of the Hope on the Harbor Executive Dinner Committee, he was able to secure funding to support the Chapter’s 2017 “Normal Until it’s Not” public awareness campaign.

What started as a spark, has ignited a coordinated effort at State Street to fully support the Alzheimer’s Association’s mission, vision and goals with Jim Ross at the helm, “I believe that State Street benefits greatly from its relationship with the Alzheimer’s Association. From the employee engagement we get from the Walk which is incredible, to the overall support we get across the organization through the State Street Disability Awareness Alliance. We leverage the relationship to ensure our employees know there is help they can turn to if this disease impacts them. That being said, I do believe there is more we can do together.”
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WE MOVE TOWARDS A CURE
RESEARCH: FOLLOWING THE PATH TO THE FIRST SURVIVOR OF ALZHEIMER’S

The Alzheimer’s Association is the world’s largest nonprofit funder of Alzheimer’s research. Momentum builds each year in the research community and our Chapter is centered in a region with groundbreaking leaders in Alzheimer’s and dementia research. Together, we have collaborated with scientists to change the course of this disease and to make sure the public has a better understanding of this dynamic field of work.

2017 HIGHLIGHTS

• Over the life of the Alzheimer’s Association grants program, more than $375 million has been invested in more than 2,400 scientific investigations. This year, $3,166,141 in research grants were awarded to Massachusetts scientists through our grants program.

• Our AlzTalks program hit the road for its third year with speaker Jonathan Jackson, Ph.D., Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital. Hundreds of attendees learned the latest findings in Alzheimer’s research at six regional talks in Easton, Danvers, Longmeadow, Mashpee, Worcester, Massachusetts and Concord, New Hampshire. All AlzTalks presentations are free and open to the public.

• The 26th Annual Simons Research Symposium welcomed 300 people, providing attendees with an inside look at Alzheimer’s research outside of our region. At this free public event, Dr. Pierre Tariot, co-director of the Alzheimer’s Prevention Initiative in Arizona, shared the latest developments from their international program to study experimental therapies that may delay or prevent the symptoms of Alzheimer’s.

• Our annual public Spring Research Forum, attended by 300 people at no cost, gave audience members an opportunity to hear from leading local researchers about progress made in several topic areas including anti-amyloid treatments, other therapies in the pipeline, lifestyle risk factors and genetics. Moderated by Brad Dickerson, M.D., panelists included Andrew Budson, M.D., Dennis J. Selkoe, M.D., and Rudolph Tanzi, Ph.D. This year, we expanded viewership to those outside our auditorium, sharing a free live streaming experience for Internet users tuning in from across the country including states like New York, Vermont, Texas and Georgia.

$3,166,141 awarded in research grants to Massachusetts scientists
MEDICAL AND SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Together we work with renowned experts in the field who represent the leading institutions in our communities. We are grateful for the leadership and guidance of the following research and health care experts on our Medical and Scientific Advisory Committee.

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RUN TRI RIDE TO END ALZHEIMER'S

Our RUN TRI RIDE teammates are going the distance in the fight to end Alzheimer’s. Through running, cycling and triathlon events throughout Massachusetts and New Hampshire the RUN TRI RIDE program raised over $1,300,000. We are grateful to all of our volunteers and participants who make these events possible—including these top fundraisers.

RUN AND TRI TO END ALZHEIMER’S

Athletes participated and raised over $640,000 in the past year through events like the Boston Marathon, Max Performance Triathlon series, Boston’s Run to Remember, Falmouth Road Race or just dedicating a race to the cause.

Ultra ($10,000+)
Abigail Alegi
Brian Andersen
Paula Canova
James Canzano
Oliver Carr
Sean Cataldo
Lauren Chin
Kimberly Doyle
Brady Flanagan
Barry Greene
Kelsey Johnson
Donna Lajoie
Jennavieve Lawton
Brian Oxman
Jeff Peller
Christopher Sergi

Marathoners ($5,000 – 9,999)
Deb Boyden
Nicole Brown
Emily Burke
Jeff Day
Linda Dolan
Dale Bob Eckert
Lisa Fleming
Dale Ann
Granger-Eckert
Kelsey Heavey
Paige Hildreth
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Road Racers ($2,500 – 4,999)
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Kim Casto
Greg Dwyer
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Jason Kramer
Paul Lamarre
Carol McSweeney
Julianne O’Donnell
Brianna Raab
Anne Riley
Sara Sophia
Bob Trostel
Stacey Whalen
William Woo

Over $640,000 raised by participating RUN and TRI athletes
RISE TO END ALZHEIMER’S
On June 24, 2017, we welcomed 492 cyclists of all ages and abilities to our RIDE to End Alzheimer’s for a record-breaking event. Cyclists hit the road through New Hampshire’s seacoast and the north shore of Massachusetts raising over $695,000. Each year, 90% of the proceeds from the RIDE help support Alzheimer’s research restricted grants.

CYCLISTS
High Gears ($5,000 - 14,999)
Larry Alford
Peter Barbato
Joel Berman
Dan Collins
Michael Dern
Beth Faulkner
Mike Hill
Richard Kaufman
John Kaufmann
Paul Kussell
Nora Mann
James Wessler

Spinners ($2,500 - 4,999)
Patricia Barbato
Maureen Comito
John DiGiovanni
Imelda Dundas

TEAMS
Ten Gear Teams ($10,000+)
A Ride Down Memory Lane
Avita Newburyport
MacMemory
Memory Boosters
MIT Lincoln Laboratory
Noonan / Barbato
Pedaling for Parents

High Gear Teams ($5,000 - $9,999)
Aurelie’s Peeps
Bobby’s Angels
Duxbury Against Alzheimer’s!
Here we go again!
Memento
Team Bike-A-Soreass
Team Billy, Mary, Rita, Walter, Kirk, Lucille & Zita
Team Memory Makers
Team Nancy
Wessler’s Wheels
Wheelin’ and Dealin’

Over $695,000 raised by participating cyclists

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THE LONGEST DAY

Throughout Massachusetts and New Hampshire, 115 teams challenged themselves from sunrise-to-sunset in recognition of The Longest Day. This year, team leaders rallied their communities to go purple holding lemonade stands and events to raise awareness. Other participants climbed mountains, hit the golf course and held fishing tournaments in support of the Alzheimer’s community. We extend our gratitude to each participant who helped us raise over $359,000 including these top fundraisers.

INDIVIDUALS

$20,000+
Matt Steele

$5,000 - 19,999
Dorothy Corey
Judy Johanson
Suzanne Lissy
Jason Lynch

$2,000 - 4,999
Carly Johanson
Lynn & Dave Johanson
Gwen Morgan
Justin Robbins
Jill Setian
Samuel Steele
Peggy Walsh

$5,000 - 9,999
NY/NE NFP Tax
Team Sandy
The Storm Chasers

$2,000 - 4,999
2017 Renny Classic – Clark U. Lacrosse
Benchmark Senior Living
Fitchburg Adult Day Health
Golf Fore Alz
Indian Mound Golf Tournament
Lexington Goes Purple
NH Hot DogZ
Petey’s ALZclimbers
The Walkin’ Robbins
THD Warriors
Westwood Lemons to Lemonade

TEAMS & EVENTS

$100,000+
48 Peaks Challenge

$25,000 - 99,999
Bayberry at Emerald Court
Bluefin Blowout
Needham Goes Purple
This is Our Life

$10,000 - 24,999
Washburn Challenge

THIRD PARTY FUNDRAISERS

$16,071
Sarah Thain, Klippings Cut-a-thon

$16,000
James A. McGrail, St. Patrick’s Day Party

$7,400
Richard F. Amellin, BO-AM Classic

$4,385
Lisa A. Mitchell, Purple Ladies
Waltham Friendraiser

$4,011
Randy Hart, IMO Claire Hart and Roger Paquette

$2,861
Clark University Women’s Soccer

$2,100
Lisa M. Costa, Fall Gala

Over $359,000 raised by participants
WALK TO END ALZHEIMER’S 2016

In 2016, more than 25,000 participants joined our Walk to End Alzheimer’s. This year we were excited to add a Cape Cod Walk to our region, allowing us to expand our reach and mobilize communities in twelve different locations throughout both states. The Walk to End Alzheimer’s is the world’s largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer’s care, support and research—we are grateful to every participant and volunteer who made this year a success including the following top team and individual fundraisers. Together we raised over $3,900,000.

INDIVIDUALS

Grand Champions
($10,000+)

Patty Blake
Debra Desrosiers
Seymour Frankel
Leslie Hergert
Kit Holland
James McGrail
Mary Ann McGrain
Paul Nazzaro
Marion Pollock

Grand Champions
($5,000 - 9,999)

Kathleen P. Brolly
Chris Burns
Gail Callahan
Tracy Clement
Betsy Collins
Gary Conroy
Trish Conway
Karen Dobson
Dorothy Donahue
Joseph Figler
Deborah Fins
Shelly Frazier
Michaela Hildreth
Dymphna Hurley
Harriet Hyman
Charlotte Jackson
W. Alex Koch
Andrea Levy
Louise Murphy
Peter Nikolakopoulos
Michelle Palomera
Kevin Reynolds
Connie Rocha-Mimoso

Kevin Johndrow
Brett Johnston
David Kaplan
Surya Kolliuri
Jeanne Krieger
Dawn Lampiasi
Kevin Lampron
Rob LeBlanc
Suzanne Lissy
Oliveia Marasca
Karim Marshall-Strangfeld
Melinda Mason
Megan McCarthy
Barbara Meehan
Chris Meyer
Jamie Mitcheson
Jim Mitcheson
Bonnie Moore
Matt Morgan
Caryl Munsell
Kelly Orlando
Rebecca Osborne
Faith Parker
Phyllis Pearl-Baxter
Jerilyn Perry
Karen Petrie
Alessandra Petruccelli
Andrew Plasecki
Thomas Ramsey
Elaine S. Reisman
Esther Reynolds
Adrienne Ross
Mandy Russell
Claudia Schutz
Paul Schwabe
Concepta Stapleton
Ellie Sullivan
Chris Sullivan

Mark Ungemach
Cindy Vincent
Debra Walsh
Laura Westmoreland
Sheila Whalen
Jesse Wong
Gail Zimmerman

Grand Champions
($1,000 - 2,999)

Nancy Abair
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Jim Agnew
David Alexander
Kelly Alexander
Laura Allen
Nancy Ambrose
Meaghan Anderson
Sheri Anderson
Cliff Anderson
Devin Angeli
Daniel Apicella
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Penny Axelrod
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Rose Baker
Joanna Baker
Pamela Ball
Marie Balzotti
Milagros Barcus
Denise Barnett
Matthew Barry
Connie Bartelson
Mary Bartkiewicz
Beth Barton
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Mary Baum

Over $3,900,000
raised by participants
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Ellen Capua
Rebecca Carazza
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Often, when you think about legacy, it’s something that is left behind. Flora D’Angio’s legacy is built on generations of love and lifelong dedication to family. The D’Angio family story begins well before Flora and her four siblings were born.

Flora’s father, Alfred V. D’Angio traveled from Trivio, Italy to Massachusetts where he met his future bride, Palma DeMarco. They married and settled in Waltham. Alfred had a knitting mill where he made sweaters and hats, Palma and other family members worked at the mill finishing products by hand.

Throughout the years, the D’Angio family’s roots remained in Waltham. Flora worked in real estate, selling houses on Beaver Street before managing the Garden Crest apartment complex in town. She lived with her parents and her sister Anita. As their parents continued to age, the sisters began to notice a change in their mother’s behaviors.
“She would nap and when I awakened her, she would think it was still night, or early the next morning,” recalls Anita. “Until there was a frying pan fire, we didn’t notice that she was starting to do things earlier and earlier. I think she was leaving herself enough time.”

Flora and Anita’s mother never received a definitive diagnosis of Alzheimer’s, “in those days they didn’t know how to definitively diagnose Alzheimer’s; they came up with her Alzheimer’s diagnosis by ruling out any other possible diseases.”

After the diagnosis, the sisters were still working, so their father suggested the family bring in help at home. Through the support of friends, family and home health care, Palma was able to stay at home until she lost her battle with the disease in 1984 at the age of 81.

During the late 1980s, Flora and Anita participated in their first Walk to End Alzheimer’s. For their initial Walk, it was just the two sisters walking together to honor the memory of their mother. In the years that followed, they were joined by as many as 25 family members including at least three generations.

Years later in 2008, when Flora sat down to write her will she realized she wanted to make a special bequest in memory of her mother, “the Alzheimer’s Association was always one of my favorite charities, so I decided to include it in my will.”

Flora and her sister still live in Waltham, just a short distance from the Massachusetts/New Hampshire Chapter’s headquarters. The sisters continue to stay up to date and engaged as much as they can, “I stay connected because I want the Association to find a cure. Anita and I like to keep up with the latest research, we have found the research presentations to be very interesting.”

Anita also reflects on the relationships they have made with the staff along the way, “the people who work for the Alzheimer’s Association have been very dedicated, warm and friendly.”

As a member of the Founders Society, Flora’s legacy will leave a lasting impact on the Alzheimer’s Association’s mission, “my hope for the future is that the Alzheimer’s Association can find a cure for Alzheimer’s and other dementias.”

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