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**CUDAHY RESIDENT KAREN SQUIERS HONORED
WITH ALZHEIMER'S FAMILY CAREGIVER AWARD**

Alzheimer's Association Selects 2022 Award Recipient

CUDAHY, WISCONSIN – APRIL 26, 2022 – Karen Squiers will be celebrated as the recipient of the 2022 Alzheimer's Association Family Caregiver Award at the 36th Annual Wisconsin State Conference, May 2-3, 2022. The Family Caregiver Award is presented to an individual who embodies the courage to face the challenges of caregiving, the compassion to ensure the dignity for their loved one, and the wisdom to reach out for support.

Karen cares for her husband, Larry, of 39 years. He is living with frontotemporal degeneration (FTD) and early stage Alzheimer's. The signs of his diagnosis presented itself in 2017 when the couple was fulfilling a longtime dream of hitting the road in an RV after selling their home. After his diagnosis the couple settled in Cudahy near family and a geriatric psychiatrist. Karen takes advantage of Alzheimer's Association resources in order to be able to be the best caregiver possible. She is active in education classes, support groups and frequently uses the Alzheimer's Association 24/7 Helpline.

“To say that Karen has improved the life of her husband, in my mind, is an understatement,” said Jennifer McAlister, program manager, Alzheimer's Association. “She tirelessly problem solves concerns related to an atypical dementia, combined with managing other chronic health conditions that her husband lives with. Being proactive and seeking out help early has helped her stay ahead of concerns and be a strong advocate in Larry's care.”

Karen is adamant about creating more awareness for dementia in our community and the common signs to watch for. She is an advocate and has shared her story at several signature Alzheimer's Association events to help create further awareness for the caregiver journey.

The Family Caregiver Award is coordinated by the Alzheimer's Association as part of their annual statewide conference held each May. The state conference highlights innovative approaches to Alzheimer's care, examines critical research initiatives and facilitates the sharing of ideas among dedicated professionals and family members.

The 2022 Wisconsin State Conference will be held May 2-3 virtually. For more details visit: alzconference.eventbrite.com.

About the Alzheimer's Association

The Alzheimer's Association is the world's leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer care, support and research. Our Mission: the Alzheimer's Association leads the way to end Alzheimer's and all other dementia - by accelerating global research, driving risk reduction and early detection, and maximizing quality care and support. Our vision is a world without Alzheimer's and all other dementia. For more information, visit www.alz.org

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