



Alzheimer's disease and the Alzheimer's Association

Use these statistics and messages when promoting your fundraising event or philanthropic partnership with the Alzheimer's Association.

About Alzheimer's disease

- Alzheimer's is a fatal and degenerative brain disease. It has no cure and there are no survivors.
- Alzheimer's disease is the sixth-leading cause of death in America.
- Every 71 seconds, an American develops Alzheimer's.
- Alzheimer's disease is the 21st century's health epidemic. As many as 5.2 million Americans are currently living with Alzheimer's disease and that number is expected to grow to as many as 16 million by 2050.
- One in eight Baby Boomers in America will develop Alzheimer's. In just three years, the first wave of baby boomers will begin to turn 65, the age of greatest risk for developing Alzheimer's.
- There are between 200,000 and 500,000 people under age 65 with younger-onset Alzheimer's disease or other dementias in America.
- Seventy percent of people with Alzheimer's live at home where friends and family take care of them.
- There are between 1 and 1.4 million "long distance caregivers" in the U.S. About 1 million of these caregivers live more than two hours away from their loved ones. Many of these long distance caregivers also incur higher out-of-pocket related expenses than other caregivers.
- Without new prevention or treatment methods, Alzheimer's disease has the power to bankrupt families, communities and our health care system.

About the Alzheimer's Association

- The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer care, support and research.
- The Alzheimer's Association offers help and hope to Alzheimer families in communities nationwide. Support and services are available through our 77-chapter network. Information is available 24/7 online at www.alz.org or by calling our toll free number at 1.800.272.3900.
- To find out more about Alzheimer's disease and what you can do to fight it, visit actionalz.org.