

Illinois Alzheimer Legislators Alliance

Background

Alzheimer's disease is on the rise in Illinois. There has never been a greater need for increased state involvement in raising awareness of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. As the disease impacts individuals, families, communities and health care systems throughout Illinois, a combination of awareness, support and research is of critical importance. The cost of this disease, both on our social structure and our financial systems, will be devastating if we don't work together to stop Alzheimer's from becoming a full blown epidemic. With home and community based service needs increasing, healthcare costs for those with Alzheimer's disease on the rise, and caregiver stress at a dangerous and all-time high, we need a new State strategy. Baby boomers have turned 65 – which means they are the next targets of Alzheimer's disease. Unless we invest in research and focus on spreading awareness, Alzheimer's will become the defining disease of the Baby Boom generation and all of their caregivers.

Why form an alliance?

- The people of Illinois need a bipartisan alliance of Illinois legislators who will bring Alzheimer's disease awareness and education to our elected officials, making this devastating disease a top public policy priority.

What does the Alliance do?

The Illinois Alzheimer's Legislative Alliance raises awareness as to the impact Alzheimer's disease and related dementias have on families, communities and the public health care system.

- The Alliance provides a statewide forum for discussion of issues and proposed solutions – level of participation varies and is up to each individual legislator.

How can the Alliance be helpful to you and your constituents?

- The Alliance periodically supplies members with updated facts, figures, press releases and other information that legislators may choose to share with their constituents.
- The Alliance provides access to an Alzheimer's Association staff liaison. This person is available to answer public policy questions and refer constituent cases to the proper departments.

As an elected official, joining this Alliance will help your constituents understand that you recognize both the fiscal and public health crisis' looming from Alzheimer's disease. Your constituents will know that you are working diligently to raise awareness, expand programming and support vital research. They will see that you are working to create solutions for our state.

Please consider joining this Alliance and help bring awareness to all Illinois citizens about Alzheimer's disease.

Please complete the information below and return to the Alzheimer's Association (FAX 773.444.0930) or email to j.belkov@alz.org.

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VISION

A world without Alzheimer's disease.

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.

What is dementia?

Dementia is a general term for a decline in mental ability severe enough to interfere with daily life. Memory loss is an example. Alzheimer's is the most common type of dementia.

What is Alzheimer's Disease?

Alzheimer's is a type of dementia that causes problems with memory, thinking and behavior. Symptoms usually develop slowly and get worse over time, becoming severe enough to interfere with daily tasks.

Alzheimer's is not a normal part of aging, although the greatest known risk factor is increasing age, and the majority of people with Alzheimer's are 65 and older. But Alzheimer's is not just a disease of old age. Up to 5 percent of people with the disease have early onset Alzheimer's (also known as younger-onset), which often appears when someone is in their 40s or 50s.

We enhance care and support

The Alzheimer's Association works on a global, national and local level to enhance care and support for all those affected by Alzheimer's and related dementias. We are here to help.

We advance research

As the largest non-profit funder of Alzheimer's research, the Association is committed to accelerating progress of new treatments, preventions and ultimately, a cure. Through our partnerships and funded projects, we have been part of every major research advancement over the past 30 years.

We advocate

The Association is the leading voice for Alzheimer's disease advocacy, fighting for critical Alzheimer's research, prevention and care initiatives at the state and federal level. We diligently work to make Alzheimer's a national priority.

We serve the entire state of Illinois.

The Illinois Chapter Network, made up of volunteers, is the leading advocate for legislation and public policy at the state level on behalf of more than half a million residents – 220,000 people with Alzheimer's, as well as family members and caregivers.

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