## alzheimer's R association®

**EVERY 68 SECONDS ANOTHER AMERICAN DEVELOPS ALZHEIMER'S, AND AS THE BABY BOOMERS AGE, THESE NUMBERS WILL DOUBLE.** 



Many of America's baby boomers will spend their retirement years either living with Alzheimer's or caring for someone who has the disease.

Alzheimer's caregivers — usually family members — can lose their savings, their jobs and their own health as they struggle to cope with the disease and its effects.

Caring for people with Alzheimer's will cost \$20 trillion during the next 40 years, the overwhelming majority of which will be paid through Medicare and Medicaid. With 78 million baby boomers in the United States, we must do everything we can to move toward a cure.

## THE ALZHEIMER'S EPIDEMIC IN AMERICA

- Every 68 seconds another American develops Alzheimer's, and as the baby boomers get older, these numbers will double.
- Alzheimer's is the only cause of death among the top 10 in America without a way to prevent, cure or even slow its progression.
- Of those Americans aged 65 and over, 1 in 8 will develop Alzheimer's.
- Today, more than 5 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease. By 2050, up to 16 million will have the disease.
- Caring for people with Alzheimer's disease will cost the United States \$20 trillion in today's money during the next 40 years. The overwhelming majority will be paid by Medicare and Medicaid.

We need a widespread commitment to end this rapidly growing epidemic.

Alzheimer's can't wait and families won't forget. We need to find a cure now.



alz.org