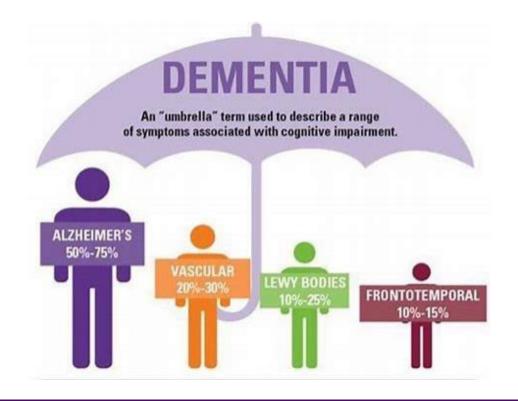
# Overview of Alzheimer's Association Illinois Chapter: Resources, Initiatives & More

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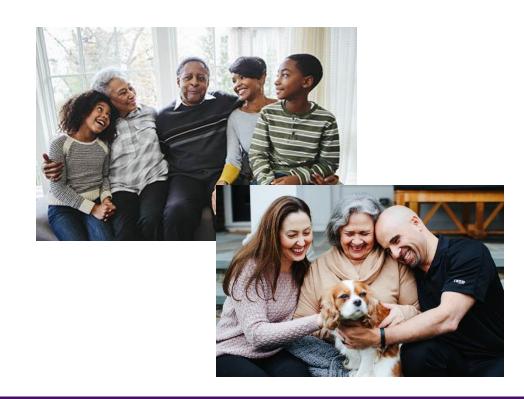
THE BRAINS BEHIND SAVING YOURS:

### What is Alzheimer's disease?



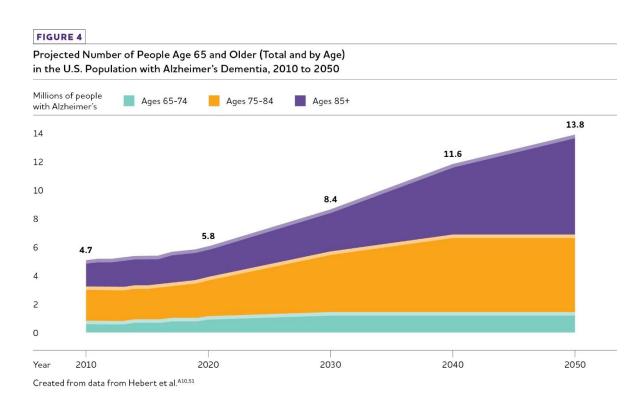
# Who is impacted by Alzheimer's?

- Anyone with a brain, but especially
  - Women
  - People 65+
  - Caregivers, especially working caregivers
  - African Americans and Hispanic/Latinos



### **Statistics**

- 5.8 million
   Americans
   living with
   Alzheimer's
- 230,000 in IL



## Facts about Alzheimer's disease



Alzheimer's is the most expensive disease in America and could bankrupt Medicare/Medicaid.



Alzheimer's is a family disease that involves over 16 million caregivers.









Alzheimer's is the most feared disease in America among multiple generation adults - more than cancer, heart disease, stroke and any other life-threatening illness.

Alzheimer's currently affects over 5.8 million Americans & is growing fast on a trajectory to triple in upcoming decades.

COSTS + SCALE + CONCERN + GROWTH = HEALTHCARE/ECONOMIC CRISIS

#### **Alzheimer's Association**

- The world's leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support and research
- 70 + chapters nationwide
- We serve caregivers, people with any diagnosis of dementia, healthcare professionals, and the general public

# **About the Illinois Chapter**



- 8 offices throughout the state
- Serving nearly 1 million people affected by Alzheimer's, including 230,000 living with the disease.
- We offer:
  - Free educational programs
  - 24/7 helpline
  - Support groups
  - Care Navigation services

## **Our Mission**

- Eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research
- Provide and enhance care and support for ALL affected
- Reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health



## **Our Vision**

A World Without Alzheimer's®



#### What do we offer?

#### **Care and Support**

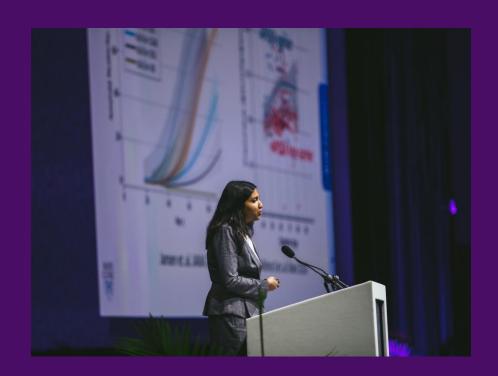
- Care Navigation
- Support groups
- Education and outreach
- Early stage engagement
- 24/7 Helpline: 800.272.3900
- Online tools at alz.org/care



## What do we offer?

#### Research

- International research grant program
- Convening, leading, influencing
- AAIC
- TrialMatch
- ISTAART



#### What do we offer?

#### **Advocacy**

- State and federal
- Nationwide network of volunteer advocates
- Legislative successes



# We are Fighting to Accomplish...

#### FEDERAL LEVEL

- Increase research funding
- Create preventive strategies
- Set the gold-standard of care for all people affected by Alzheimer's disease

#### STATE LEVEL

- Create a dementia-capable state until there is a prevention or cure by:
  - Building a dementia-capable workforce (via training and developing career pathways)
  - Creating a public health infrastructure by increasing public awareness, early detection and diagnosis
  - Increasing access to home and communitybased services
  - Enhancing the quality of care in residential settings
  - Protecting residents from abuse and exploitation
  - Monitoring relevant legislation to ensure new laws do not negatively impact our population

Making IL Dementia-Capable

1979 – Community Care Program (CCP)

1986 – First Alzheimer's State Plan

1992 – Respite Program Act

2000 – Older Adult Services Act

2010 – Nursing Home Staffing Ratios

2014 – End Alzheimer's License Plates



Making IL Dementia-Capable

2015 - Silver Search Created

2016 - Dementia Care Provider Training

2018 – CCP Medicaid Enrollment

2018 - Tripled State Research Funding

2019 – Dementia Coordinator (SB1726 passed both houses, sent to Gov.)



## Thank you!

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