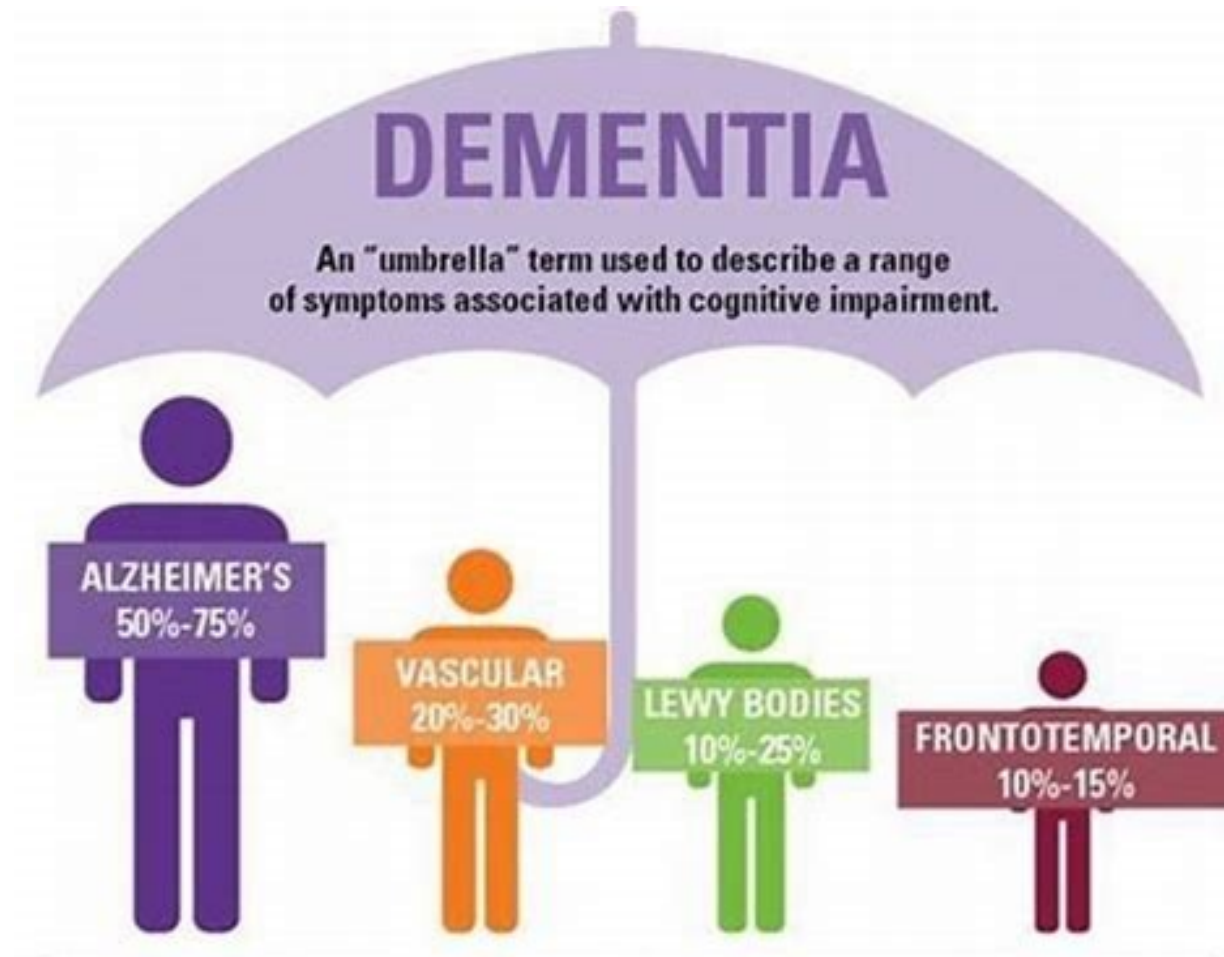


# Alzheimer's Association Illinois Chapter Updates

OASAC Full Meeting - May 13, 2024

# 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

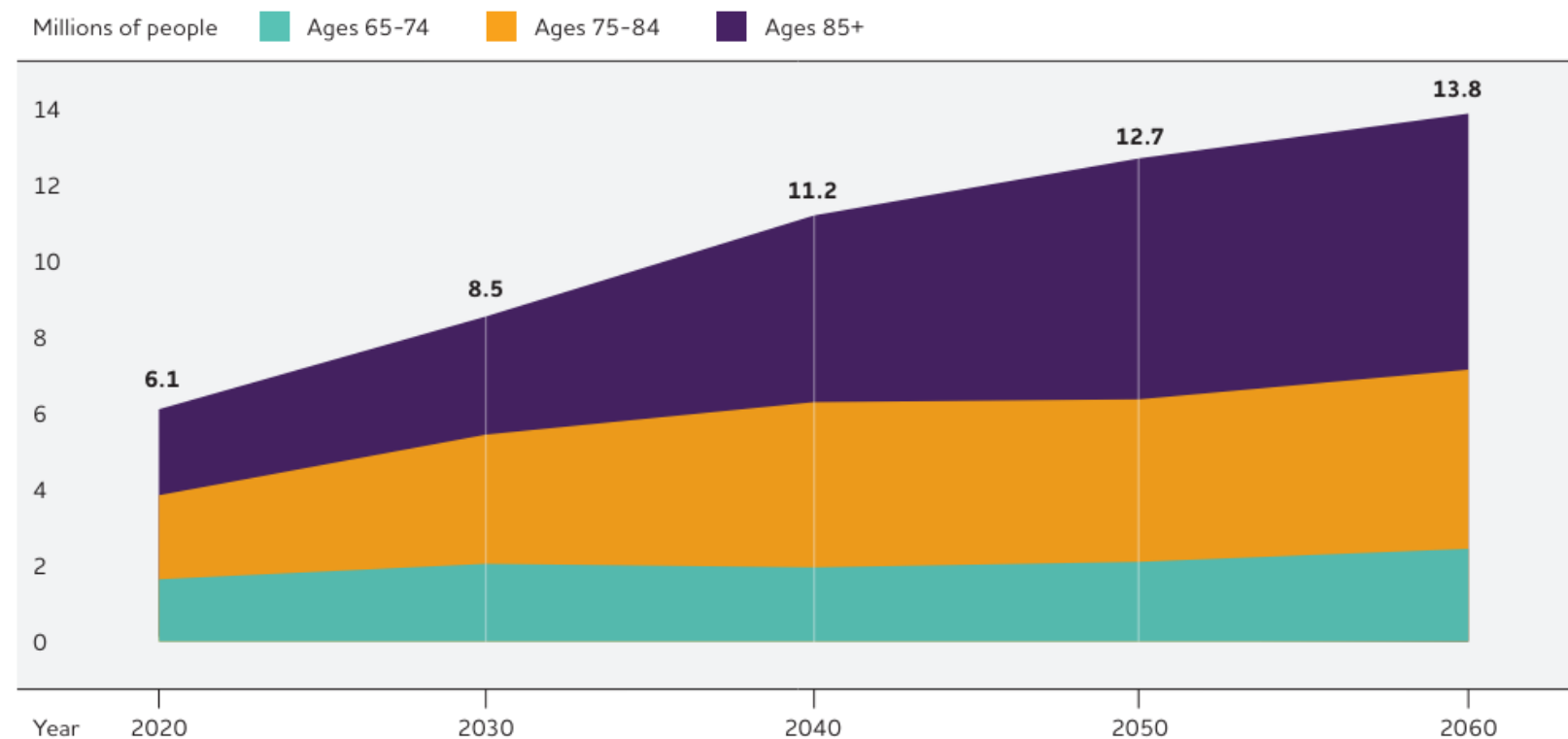


# Statistics

- 6.9 million Americans living with Alzheimer's (age 65+)
- 250,600 in IL

Figure 5

Projected Number of People Age 65 and Older (Total and by Age) in the U.S. Population with Alzheimer's Dementia, 2020 to 2060



Created from data from Rajan et al.<sup>A5,241</sup>

# 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



# 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](https://alz.org/care)



# What do we offer?

## Research

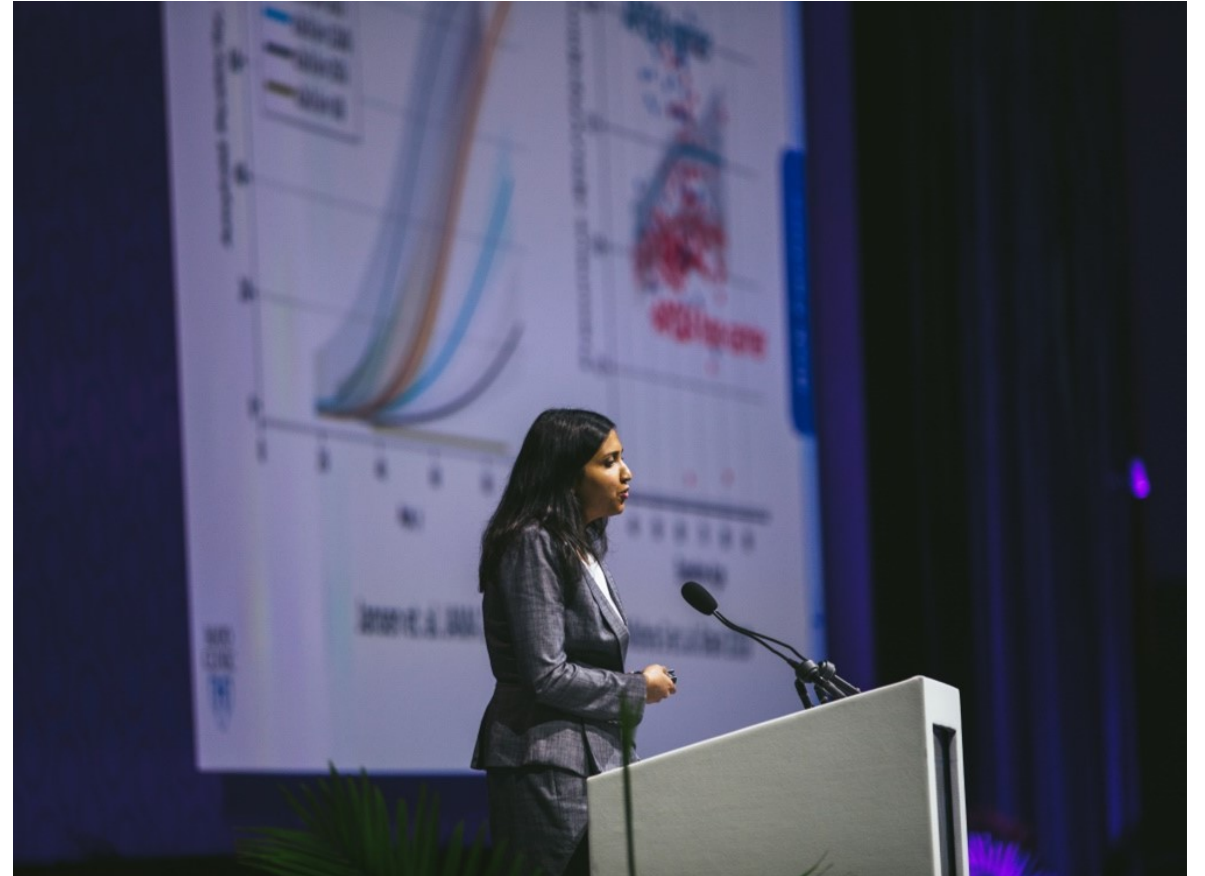
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# What do we offer?

## Advocacy

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





# Public Policy & Advocacy

## Federal Level

**Train volunteer advocates across Illinois to build relationships with every Member of Congress to...**

- Increase research funding
- Implement public health interventions
- Set the gold-standard of care for all people affected by Alzheimer's and all other dementia

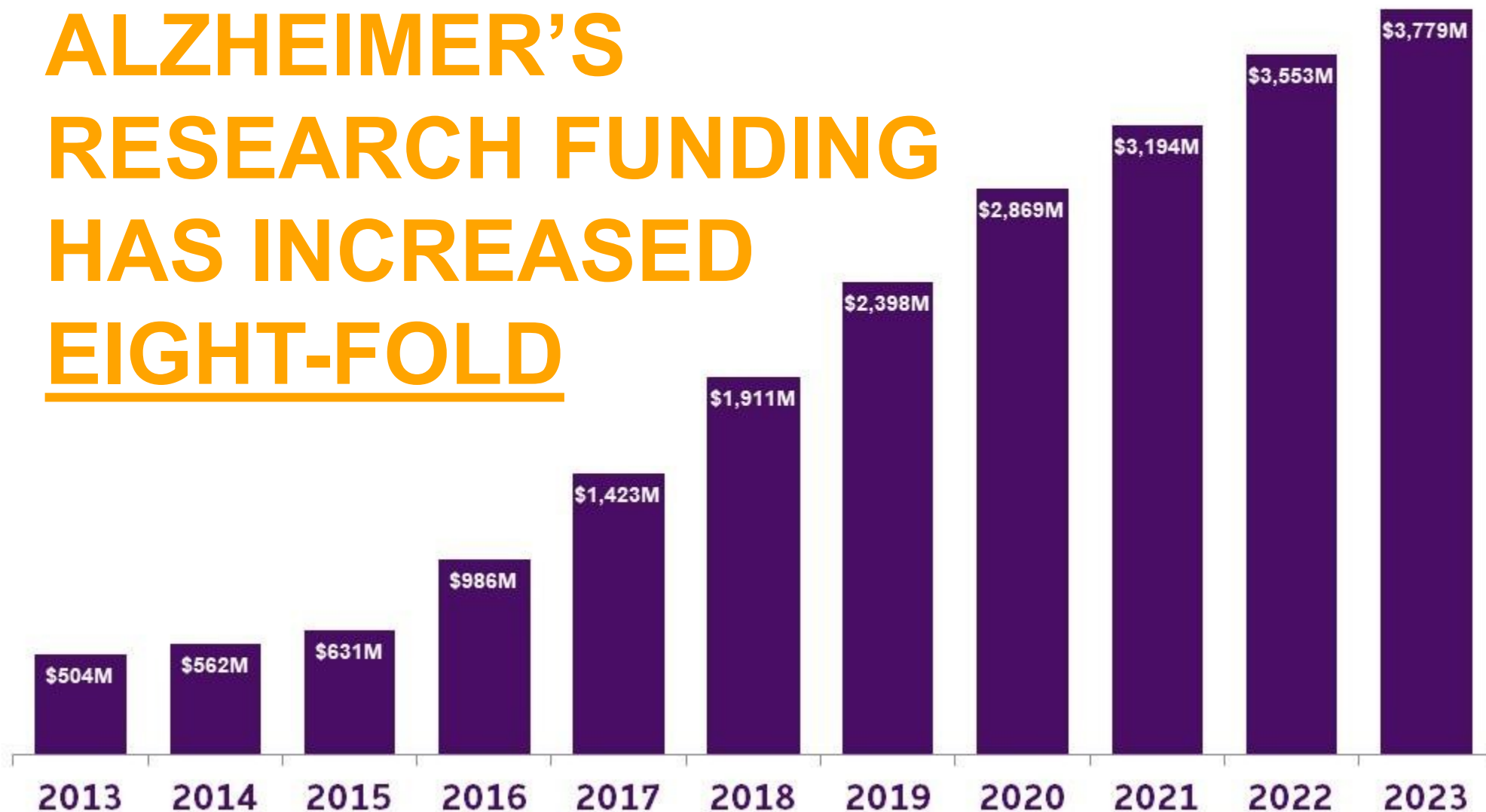
## State Level

- **Research and draft legislation before lobbying the Illinois General Assembly to pass laws helping people living with dementia and their caregivers**
- **Train volunteer advocates to engage with state legislators to create a dementia-capable Illinois until a cure is found**

# Federal Success



## ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH FUNDING HAS INCREASED EIGHT-FOLD



Source: NIH (<https://report.nih.gov/funding/categorical-spending>) with the 2023 figure reflecting NIH's estimated 2022 funding plus the additional increase of \$226M appropriated through the FY2023 omnibus.

# Some Recent State Successes...



- Tripled research funding from \$3.3 to \$10 million annually
- First in the nation to mandate continuing education for all healthcare providers and EMTs serving adult patients
- Created Medicaid billing code for cognitive assessment & care planning
- Implemented Silver Search to find persons with dementia who wander
- Passed legislation creating the first ever dementia-focused training requirements for HCBS workers
- Established a Dementia Coordinator position at IDPH to implement the Alzheimer's Disease State Plan
- Created #ENDALZ license plates and a scratch-off lottery ticket to support Alzheimer's care, support, education, and awareness

# 2024 State Policy Agenda

- **SB3318** – Coverage for Alzheimer’s treatments in state employee health insurance
- **SB2644** – Creation of a state repository for POLST forms
- Continue building public awareness about brain health, Alzheimer’s and dementia diagnosis, resources, and life-altering treatments
- Implement necessary nursing home staffing requirements & support the HFS nursing home rate reform
- Provide additional funding support for family caregivers



# Thank you!

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