2017 IMPACT REPORT

JULY 1, 2016 - JUNE 30, 2017

Alzheimer's
GREATER LOS ANGELES
A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO,
HEATHER COOPER ORTNER

Our dedicated team at Alzheimer’s Greater Los Angeles works to bring you innovative, truly helpful care and services. As this annual report shows, we have more than just a base to build upon; we have great momentum propelling us to even greater achievements in the coming fiscal year.

We could not have achieved these remarkable accomplishments without the generosity of the Greater Los Angeles and Inland Empire communities. We are grateful for your support and will keep you updated about all that FY2018 brings.

Thank you for your partnership as we work together to care for families facing Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias this year, and for as long as we’re needed.

With gratitude,

Heather Cooper Ortner

Alzheimer’s Greater Los Angeles provides support and services free of charge to individuals with Alzheimer’s and related dementias, their families, caregivers, and the community. Low cost training and education are also offered for professionals. ALZGLA began as an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit in 1981. 100% of all ALZGLA’s fundraising stays local, focusing on care, support, advocacy, and research across Los Angeles county and the Inland Empire.
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How we served Greater Los Angeles in 2017...

131 Support groups
16,370 Education & training participants
1,191 Care counseling sessions
570 Early stage programs
3,289 Helpline calls
26,350 Community outreach participants

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*in memoriam
A LOOK BACK

2016

July 2016
5th annual tackleALZ raises nearly $60,000

October 2016
Inagural Visionary Women’s Awards Luncheon, benefitting our women4ALZ®, takes place at the Intercontinental Hotel

November 2016
24th annual Los Angeles walk4ALZ® raises $360,000

2017

February 2017
San Gabriel Valley walk4ALZ® is held at The Rose Bowl
Bridget Gehan is named first Alzheimer’s Teen Ambassador

March 2017
East LA walk4ALZ® brings the community together
Inland Empire Regional Center moves to Riverside
Internationally acclaimed photographer, Donald Graham, begins multi-year photoshoot on behalf of ALZGLA capturing portraits of caregivers
run4ALZ® participants in the LA Marathon raise nearly $25,000
For our work to improve healthcare for people with dementia we receive the Caregiving Legacy Award, national recognition from the Family Caregiver Alliance and the Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Foundation
Filming of our bi-lingual telenovela begins, thanks to a grant from the Arthur N. Rupe Foundation
April 2017
Inagural nighttime walk4ALZ® & concert in Inland Empire raises over $60,000
Our East LA Service Center holds 1st LGBTQ community forum

May 2017
5th annual An Unforgettable Evening with Jennifer Holliday raises over $600,000
ALZGLA online shopping goes live on alzgla.org
Partnership with the LA Opera for our Memories & Melodies® music program begins
To keep Alzheimer’s and ALZGLA at the forefront, a lobbyist is hired

June 2017
Artwork at the 5th annual Memories in the Making art show & auction sells out
$100k research awards go to young researchers through partnership with Bright Focus Foundation
East LA Service Center staff hold the 11th annual Caregiver Wellness Day, providing caregivers a day of relaxation and inspiration

FINANCIAL SUMMARY
FISCAL YEAR 2017
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HOW YOUR DONATION WORKS FOR OUR MISSION:
100% RAISED STAYS LOCAL

Our complete audited financial statements are available at alzgla.org or may be requested by calling 844.HELP.ALZ.
CAREGIVER EMERGENCY FUND

Maria is a single mother and the sole caregiver for her brother who has Alzheimer’s. Because her brother’s medical expenses were so high, she had fallen behind on paying the bills. They were about to be evicted from their apartment and Maria felt overwhelmed and trapped. ALZGLA provided supportive counseling and referrals to services that helped with her brother’s care while giving Maria some respite. In addition, through the Caregiver Emergency Fund, we helped to pay a portion of the overdue bills. Maria was deeply grateful for the assistance.

CARE COUNSELORS

Alicia is a professional caregiver, beloved by her clients and their families. Her skills became invaluable when her two elderly cousins and her next-door neighbor all developed dementia. They are now in various stages of this progressive disease, and despite the demands of family, career, and her own health issues, Alicia finds the time, compassion and energy to care for them all. Her cousins live alone and are barely able to pay for rent and food. Medications had been unfilled and incontinence supplies were unavailable because they simply could not afford them.

Our Care Counselors worked with Alicia to help her navigate through the complex world of health insurance, and to advocate for her cousins’ healthcare needs.

We helped provide Alicia with emergency funds and arranged for regular meal delivery. Connecting the dots, making sure people do not fall through cracks, and being a voice for those with dementia is what we do, and it is what caregivers do with immense commitment and love.
OUR MISSION
Improving the lives of local families affected by Alzheimer’s/dementia by increasing awareness, delivering effective programs/services, providing compassionate support, and advocating for quality care and a cure.

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED
JOIN THE CAUSE
- Donate
- Advocate
- Volunteer
- Educate others
- walk4ALZ®
- Host an event

VOICE YOUR COMMITMENT
- Join our advocacy network
- Enroll in our Speaker’s Bureau

OPEN YOUR HEART & WALLET
- Donate online: alzgla.org/donate
- Remember us in your will or trust
- Donate your used vehicle
- Plan a workplace giving event

PROGRAMS & SERVICES
24/7 HELPLINE
information, emotional support, resources, and referrals

CARE COUNSELING
personalized support and help with care planning in person or by phone

SUPPORT GROUPS
safe places for caregivers and/or those living with a dementia to gather and share information

COMMUNITY OUTREACH & CAREGIVER EDUCATION
culturally sensitive and multi-lingual speakers, presentations, and information; various courses for caregivers

EARLY STAGE PROGRAMS
information, education, Care Counseling, and support groups for those with memory concerns or in the early stages of a dementia along with their care partners

ARTS4ALZ & MEMORY MORNINGS
groups and activities that focus on art, music, cognitive stimulation, socialization, and interactive programs

MEDICALERT FOUND CALIFORNIA
24-hour nationwide response service for wandering and medical emergencies

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING
onsite or web-based trainings for professionals; healthcare, emergency responders, human resources
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