

2019 ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE FACTS AND FIGURES

ALZHEIMER'S
DISEASE IS THE

6TH

leading cause of death
in the United States

5.8
MILLION

Americans
are living
with
Alzheimer's

BY 2050, this
number is
projected to
rise to nearly

14
MILLION

MORE THAN
16 MILLION
AMERICANS

provide unpaid care
for people with
Alzheimer's or
other dementias

These caregivers provided an estimated
18.5 BILLION HOURS
valued at nearly
\$234 BILLION

IN 2019, Alzheimer's and other
dementias will cost the nation
\$290 BILLION

BY 2050, these costs
could rise as high as

\$1.1 TRILLION



82%

of seniors say it's important
to have their thinking or
memory checked

BUT
ONLY

16%

say they receive
regular cognitive
assessments



EVERY 65
SECONDS

someone in the
United States
develops the disease

Between 2000 and
2017 deaths from heart
disease have decreased

9%



while deaths from
Alzheimer's disease
have increased

145%



1 IN 3

seniors dies with
Alzheimer's or
another dementia

It kills more than
breast cancer and
prostate cancer

COMBINED

PROGRAM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES... AT A GLANCE

Today, millions of Americans are facing the devastation of Alzheimer's. The disease robs us of our families, our futures and our finances. At the Alzheimer's Association, our network of dedicated staff and volunteers is working relentlessly to ensure access to proper diagnosis, quality care, education and support for all affected. The Delaware Valley Chapter is in need of the following volunteer positions throughout our tri-state region:

COMMUNITY EDUCATORS are volunteer public speakers who help the Alzheimer's Association raise awareness, provide education and expand the reach of educational offerings in your communities. These volunteers deliver on-site presentations using prepared training materials on topics related to Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES raise awareness of Alzheimer's Association programs, provide basic disease information, and link consumers to Association services and resources by serving as liaisons between the Association and local groups such as neighborhoods, rural counties, business and civic organizations and faith communities.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER LEADERS help recruit program volunteers, network, build relationships, plan and promote local events, and evaluate community needs. Volunteer leaders traditionally serve in underserved rural or minority communities to raise awareness and expand the reach of Alzheimer's Association programs and services.

SUPPORT GROUP FACILITATORS create a safe, open, supportive environment where people can gather to share their feelings, thoughts and experiences in a combined effort to better cope with and manage shared challenges of dementia.

EARLY STAGE SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT LEADERS plan, implement and assure positive experiences during social engagement events/activities for people living with memory loss and their care partners.

FAITH OUTREACH REPRESENTATIVES serve as liaisons between the Alzheimer's Association and local faith groups and congregations by sharing information about Alzheimer's disease, free resources and ways to engage in the cause at local community and faith-based education events.

PROMOTORES serve as liaisons between the Alzheimer's Association and Hispanic/Latino communities to raise awareness, provide basic information and link consumers to programs and services. Promotores are traditionally known as connectors, educators, mentors, counselors, peer leaders, patient navigators or health advocates for the Hispanic/Latino population.



“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.”

-Elizabeth Andrew

If you are interested in exploring volunteer opportunities with our Delaware Valley Program team, contact Sharon Jarnette at 215.399.9148 or Sjarnette@alz.org.