

alzheimer's association™

The Alzheimer's Association provides assistance to individuals and families across the state with Alzheimer's disease; which is known as the "long goodbye." The Alzheimer's Association Colorado Chapter is the premier source of information and support for the more than 72,000 Coloradoans with Alzheimer's disease, their families and caregivers. Through its statewide network of offices, the Alzheimer's Association offers education, counseling, support groups, Medic Alert® + Alzheimer's Association Safe Return®, Comfort Zone® and a 24-hour Helpline, at no cost to families, and funds advancements in research to prevent, treat and eventually conquer this disease. The Alzheimer's Association advocates for those living with Alzheimer's and their families on related legislative issues, and with health and long-term care providers.

Programs and Services

Helpline: 24-hours, seven days a week

Trained counselors on the phone or online to listen as well as provide access to resources and information.

Education and Training:

Individuals with dementia, their families and caregivers

To better understand the disease and learn how to provide effective, compassionate care.

e.g. Savvy Caregiver Series, Understanding Memory Loss and Dementia, Maintain Your Brain, etc

Professional Caregivers

Training in practical techniques to assist those serving in care facilities and in-home healthcare settings

e.g. Alzheimer's Learning Institute Certificate Program, Annual Education Symposium, etc

Law Enforcement, Emergency Medical Services, Firefighters

1st Responder Training brings increased understanding and awareness for the symptoms of dementia and insight for how to assist affected members of the community during disasters, traffic altercations, wandering incidents, alleged abuse and neglect situations

Support Groups:

For caregivers, family and friends to get additional help and encouragement as the disease progresses.

Family Options Counseling:

This service provides counseling by Master's level Social Workers and offers assistance with the development of a concise care plan.

Medic Alert® + Alzheimer's Association Safe Return® & Comfort Zone:

Medic Alert + Safe Return is a national registry program for those who wander. Comfort Zone is an online tracking tool that provides families with a way to stay in touch while providing the person with disease a sense of independence.

Colorado Chapter Newsletter, Web site, FaceBook:

News on the latest research and caregiving techniques, Schedule of courses, Support groups list, Advocacy updates, Special events, Fundraising activities, Volunteer opportunities. etc.

Memories in the Making®:

A guided art program enabling people with dementia to express their thoughts and memories through watercolor painting. Eighty programs throughout the state are offered in care facilities, and trained volunteers guide participants with dementia in the creative process. Art is juried by professionals for inclusion in our annual fundraising art auctions held in four locations statewide.

Community Referral:

Includes lists of physicians, diagnostic services, day centers, in-home health agencies, residential care, hospices, Elder Law attorneys and Area Agencies on Aging.

Lending Library:

Up-to-date books, tapes, DVDs, and videos covering a wide variety of Alzheimer topics.

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are the key to our success. More than 700 volunteers provide education, training, support, fundraising and special event staffing for the Alzheimer's Association of Colorado. Opportunities include our Helpline, database maintenance, the Ambassador program and facilitation of our art program.

Public Policy

The Alzheimer's Association actively campaigns to advance Alzheimer issues with legislators in Colorado and Washington D.C. By increasing public awareness of the disease we are leading the way in shaping policy and advocating for more research funding.

Research

Through the combined efforts of the Alzheimer's Association, the scientific community, the federal government and the pharmaceutical industry, we are gaining significant ground in creating a world without Alzheimer's. Since 1982, the National Alzheimer's Association has committed more than \$150 million to research into the causes, treatment, prevention and cure of Alzheimer's disease.

Alzheimer's Women's Auxiliary for Research and Education (AWARE)

An integral part of the Colorado Chapter, this all volunteer organization proudly supporting the fight against Alzheimer's by raising funds dedicated entirely to disease prevention research.

Young Professionals Alzheimer's Association of Colorado

This group of young professionals creates opportunities for networking, conducts community projects to benefit memory care facilities as well as serves as the as host of the Annual Polar Plunge in Boulder on New Year's Day raising funds critical to the mission of the Alzheimer's Association.

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