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WomenAgainstAlzheimer's Hill Fact Sheet

We Imagine a World United by Women Against Alzheimer's

WomenAgainstAlzheimer's is a disruptive coalition of women across the globe who are demanding solutions for the greatest women's health and rights imperative of our time: Alzheimer's disease. We exist to reshape the global narrative about the negative health and financial impact of this disease on millions of women.

What We Are Fighting For

We will stop Alzheimer's with a concerted effort towards five key areas:

- Multiply the amount of public funding for Alzheimer's research
- Demand that sex-based studies are a research priority
- Overhaul social support, medical, and workplace systems to alleviate the economic injustice of Alzheimer's
- Improve families' access to diagnosis, treatment, and clinical trials
- Promote risk reduction strategies and ideas for living well with Alzheimer's

WomenAgainstAlzheimer's is calling on Members of Congress to support enhanced funding for the NIH and NIA.

Let's Do Something

The Administration's fiscal year FY 2017 Budget fails to provide the necessary resources for Alzheimer's research to prevent and treat the disease by 2025, our national goal, authorizing flat funding for the National Institute on Aging (NIA), the lead institute focused on Alzheimer's research within the National Institutes of Health (NIH). At a time when the United States is spending more than \$200 billion to care for Alzheimer's patients, we are spending substantially less than one percent per year on Alzheimer's research.

We Urge Congress to Include the Resources Necessary to Support Dementia and Aging Research Within the FY 2017 Budget. Here's How:

- **Commit at least 1 percent of the cost of treating persons living with dementia to research** supported by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). \$2.2 billion is the minimum annual amount to maximize the likelihood of achieving the nation's goal of preventing and effectively treating dementia by 2025.
- **Support a minimum increase of \$400 million in Alzheimer's disease and related dementia's research** at the NIH over the FY 2016 enacted level. Such an increase would result in an NIH-wide dementia research budget that meets and exceeds FY 2019 targets.
- **Hold the NIH accountable to include gender and sex-based clinical and pre-clinical research** in Alzheimer's disease at a percentage more comparable with rates of the disease among women.

Of the 5.4 million Americans with Alzheimer's disease, 4.2 million are women

65%

of Alzheimer's and dementia caregivers are women.

\$5.1 Trillion

The U.S. will spend \$5.1 trillion through 2040 to care for women with Alzheimer's and for the economic costs of those serving as informal caregivers.

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Alzheimer's is the 5th leading cause of death among women in the United States.

About Alzheimer's disease

Alzheimer's disease is an irreversible, progressive brain disease that slowly destroys memory and thinking skills and eventually is fatal. It is rapidly becoming the greatest health crisis of the 21st century, especially for women.



It Is Not Just a Health Issue for Women

The statistics do not tell the whole story.



Alzheimer's disease patients often require constant care for more than a decade.



Women at the height of their careers are taking care of small children and their parents.



Women are leaving the workforce, spending thousands of dollars a year on care and putting their financial security at risk, not to mention the health risks that arise from caregiving.

WomenAgainst Alzheimer's

About Us

As a member of the UsAgainstAlzheimer's Network, **WomenAgainstAlzheimer's** unites women across the globe to find a cure for Alzheimer's.

Our growing network of women is impatient with the slow progress being made in the Alzheimer's fight and, driven by our passion, is committed to ending current "business-as-usual" approaches to funding, research, and advocacy to bring Alzheimer's out of the shadows and into the spotlight.

Because women won't wait.

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