

# THE FACTS: ALZHEIMERS & DEMENTIA

## WHAT IS DEMENTIA?

Dementia is a general term for a decline in mental ability severe enough to interfere with daily life.



More than **5 million** Americans now have Alzheimer's disease. By 2050, nearly **14 million** Americans over age 65 could be living with the disease.



More women than men have Alzheimer's disease and make up almost two-thirds of the Alzheimer's population in the United States.

**1 in 3**

Seniors dies with Alzheimer's or another dementia.



Alzheimer's is the only leading cause of death on the rise.



The NIH fiscal year 2016-2017 research funding for Alzheimer's was \$910 million. That compares with \$5.6 billion for cancer and \$3 billion for HIV. On a per patient basis, NIH funding for HIV/AIDS is 14x that of Alzheimer's and Cancer is 7x that of Alzheimer's.

Alzheimer's disease is the sixth-leading cause of death across all ages in the United States. For those 65 and older, it is the fifth-leading cause of death.



In the last 15 years, deaths from Alzheimer's have increased 71%, while deaths from other major causes have decreased significantly.

**54%**

of the American population has been touched by Alzheimer's disease in some way.



Every 66 seconds someone in the U.S. develops Alzheimer's disease.



Alzheimer's is one of the most expensive disease in the nation and there is currently no way to prevent, cure or even slow its progression.

**\$20 trillion**

Without significant progress in treatment and cure, the cost to the nation is expected to exceed \$20 trillion over the next 40 years.



Alzheimer's disease takes a toll on caregivers both financially and emotionally. 40% of caregivers suffer from depression and 74% report they were "somewhat" to "very" concerned about maintaining their own health since becoming a caregiver.



If one has to place a loved one in memory care, the price is staggering and Medicare does not cover this cost.



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The Aging Mind Foundation was founded in 2013 to address and support critical issues unique to the aging mind including research, treatment, education and advocacy. At the heart of our organization, we raise funds in order to make a substantial impact and move the needle in dementia and Alzheimer's research. This is the reason AMF raises funds for only one grant beneficiary each year versus giving smaller grants to several beneficiaries.

Since inception, AMF has raised over \$1.2 million funding two three-year postdoctoral fellowships in North Texas and two high-quality dementia research projects. It is the goal of the Aging Mind Foundation to be good stewards of your generous donations. To achieve this goal, we strive to limit our fundraising costs to 20% or less, which goes above and beyond the gold standard as determined by Charity Navigator.