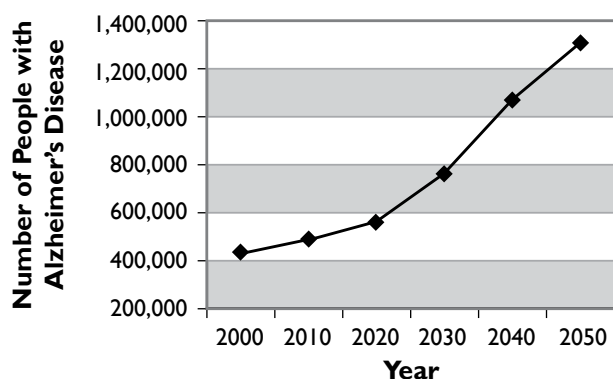


*Alzheimer's disease is*  
**THE PUBLIC  
HEALTH  
CRISIS**  
*of the 21st century*



**California must prepare now by developing a state plan for meeting the needs of families living with Alzheimer's disease.**

**Alzheimer's Disease in California**



Source: Hebert, Scherr, Bienias et al., State-specific projections through 2025 of Alzheimer disease prevalence. *Neurology*, 62:1645, 2004, extrapolated to 2050 based on 9.8% of national prevalence for 2030-2050

**Alzheimer's disease is surging to epidemic proportions**

**Alzheimer's is now the 8th leading cause of death.**

(Source: Los Angeles County Dept of Public Health (2006). Mortality in LA County, 2003)

**Preparing for Our Future**

The Alzheimer's Association urges the Legislature and the Governor to fund development of a State Alzheimer's Plan.

The plan should be developed in partnership with public and private stakeholders and serve as a blueprint for:

- Supporting Californians living with Alzheimer's, including family caregivers
- Expanding home and community-based services
- Enabling people to remain in their own home and avoid costly institutionalization
- Improving quality of care in all long-term care settings
- Insuring access to early diagnosis and treatment

## Care in Our Communities

The Alzheimer's Day Care Resource Centers are the only community-based day program targeted to serve persons with moderate-to-severe Alzheimer's and other dementia disorders.

Many families and individuals with Alzheimer's have a strong desire to remain in their own home. This is reflected in the fact 70% of people with Alzheimer's live at home and approximately 80% of all long-term care services and support are provided by family caregivers.

Without the respite and support provided by the Alzheimer's Day Care Resource Centers, family caregivers are often not able to continue providing the level of care necessary to prevent institutionalization.

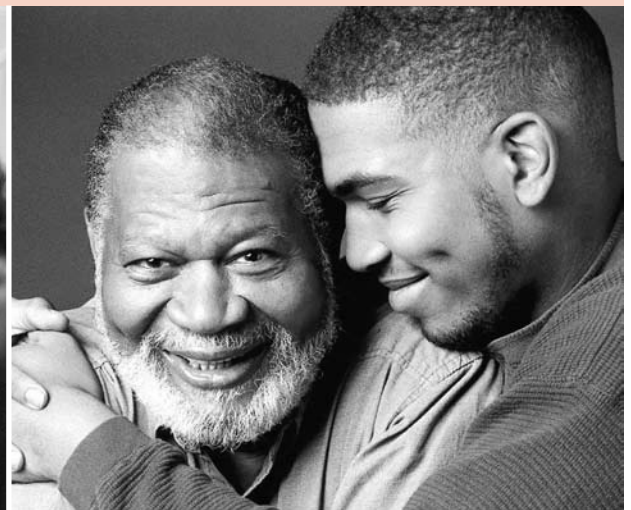
While the number of families living with Alzheimer's is soaring, support for the Alzheimer's Day Care Resource Centers has declined.



***The Alzheimer's Association urges the Legislature and Governor to increase funding of the Alzheimer's Day Care Resource Centers in order to support family caregivers and reduce the cost of caring for people with Alzheimer's.***



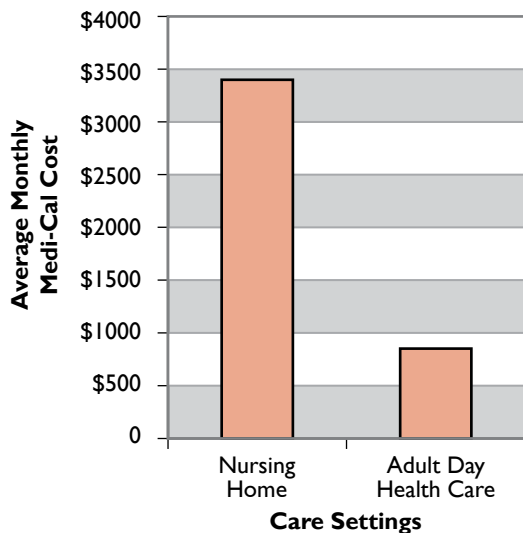
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*People of all races and ethnicities are at risk. Men and women are affected equally.*

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## Cost of Nursing Home vs. Community Care



Source: Senate Health and Human Services Committee, May 2004

*It is in the State's best interest to support family caregivers and increase access to the Alzheimer's Day Care Resource Centers, because we know nursing home care is more than four times the cost of adult day health care.*



## *The Face of Alzheimer's Disease is Changing*

*With better diagnosis and treatments, we are learning that this disease is not only a disease of the elderly.*

*Meet Suzan and Travis...*

Travis Davison and Suzan Windnagel were married in October 1998 and busy enjoying their life together...traveling, walking the beach, and supporting each other in the major career changes they had recently made. Over time, subtle cognitive changes in Travis accumulated and forced him to seek out answers in the medical community. According to Suzan, "Travis began having trouble following and comprehending conversations. He would lose the thread of a discussion so easily, as if he wasn't listening or had a hearing problem. I learned from colleagues that he was forgetting conversations with students and becoming more disorganized." In March 2002, follow-up assessments at the University of California San Francisco confirmed the initial diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease. As Suzan recalls receiving the diagnosis, "It was shocking. A health conscious, creative and vital man in all other aspects, we now knew Travis had a disease that would steadily strip him of all cognitive abilities."

Travis was 52 and Suzan 46.

The mission of the Alzheimer's Association is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research and to enhance care and support for individuals, their families, and caregivers.



The Alzheimer's Association is the leading authority on issues related to Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

The Alzheimer's Association provides a voice for people with Alzheimer's and their families.

The Alzheimer's Association is the largest private funder of Alzheimer's disease research in the country, awarding \$185 million to more than 1,300 research investigations since 1982.



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