

## Why we care about Alzheimer's research

"We genuinely care about the lives of other people; in some cases these people are our grandparents and others who mean a lot to us. Showing compassion for research on Alzheimer's disease is a way for us to help those we care about and others as well."

- Elizabeth

"Because there is a chance for anyone to get Alzheimer's including the people that we love and are close to us, and we don't want them to have to struggle with Alzheimer's in the future. Alzheimer's research does not get as much funding as it should, especially for the seriousness of the disease, we need more funding to progress in research."

- Natsume

"Because it matters to people; because we know how it impacts people. We realize that it is an important issue and it needs to be taken care of. So that we can raise awareness and advocate as well as raise money to actually have an impact on trying to take a step closer to figuring out how to cure Alzheimer's."

- Jungwoo

"We care about Alzheimer's research because we recognize the terrible effects AD has on patients, family of patients, and caregivers across the US and around the world. We see neurodegeneration and progressive inability to function going unprevented, untreated, and uncured. We care about Alzheimer's research because we want to help people and we have the ability to do this through science. We are fundraising for AD research because progress costs money and government funding of scientific research is becoming even more scarce. We want to help ourselves and others make a difference in Alzheimer's disease."

- Marianne

"Research in any disease is very slow. Alzheimer's is especially unknown to the scientific community because although there has been significant research in the brain, there is still a lot we don't know. Why do I care? Why should we care? Because we care about others (at least most of us do) and we want to make an impact in other people's lives."

- Michael

"Alzheimer's is the most common type of dementia. Dementia is a term for memory loss and other intellectual abilities that are severe enough to interfere with daily life. Alzheimer's gets worse over time. It is also generally associated with old people; however, people in their 40s or 50s can also get Alzheimer's. Though it may not seem obvious Alzheimer's is also the sixth leading cause of death in the United States. It is the only top ten leading cause of death that is not preventable. Beginning symptoms are usually mild memory loss; however, later symptoms are the inability to carry on a conversation.

I would like to help people with Alzheimer's because it not only affects the person with Alzheimer's, but also their family and friends. There are 15 million caregivers of people with Alzheimer's. It's hard to take care of people with Alzheimer's because they could possibly walk out the door without knowing. They won't recognize their own family members and they forget things like where they live. Even if they were brilliant and industrious people in the past as soon as they got Alzheimer's they forget everything. Finding a cure is also very important because as the average age a person lives increases, so does the number of people with Alzheimer's. There are currently 5.4 million people in the United States with Alzheimer's and they could use our help. It is also expensive and the price will continue to grow as long as the number of people with

Alzheimer's increases. It cost the United States 183 billion dollars last year. Every 69 seconds someone in the United States is diagnosed with Alzheimer's.

To not only solve today's problem but also to save future generations of the world. We are fundraising for Alzheimer's because we see the lack of funding that is going into it. If no one else is going to do it, then we as high school students should set an example."

- Young

"For the well-being of not only elders but also everyone else."

- Taeyoon

"All the help that can be given is needed for Alzheimers. Every day many families are ruined by this disease and people die. To help push and catapult the cure to success, we must help perform research on it."

- Murali

"We care about Alzheimer's research because right now many suffer from this disease at and old age and there is now widespread way to either diagnose or completely get rid of the disease. It is also very common for older people. That sucks so we empathetic science loving humans want to help."

- Vanessa

"Because this disease is not curable, and it affects not only those who have it, but those who are helping the patients."

- Anurima