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Alzheimer's Association and AARP Join Forces to Connect More Families with Local Dementia Care and Support Resources



CHICAGO—The Alzheimer's Association and AARP announced today they are joining forces to extend the reach of the Community Resource Finder, an online database connecting families with local resources to help address concerns and navigate the challenges of Alzheimer's, dementia and aging.

The Alzheimer's Association & AARP Community Resource Finder (communityresourcefinder.org) is a database of dementia and aging-related resources powered by Carelike®. The online tool makes it easy for people living with Alzheimer's and other dementias, caregivers and those involved in making care-related decisions to find local programs and services.

The updated database expands the previously available Alzheimer's Association Community Resource Finder, which launched in 2011 and today receives 37,000 monthly visits. The new platform will extend the reach to even more people with care and support needs. It features additional resources from AARP, including webinars, programs and events. It also offers a new advanced search tool to help people find local resources based on specific needs, such as payment options and specialized services. In addition, users are now able to share search results with family and other care team members to help facilitate caregiving decisions, keeping everyone informed.

"The Alzheimer's Association is committed to family caregivers across the country and knows that access to local care and support services is critical," said Beth Kallmyer, Vice President, Care and Support, Alzheimer's Association. "Caregiving can be enormously stressful and even more so when you don't know where to turn to for help. The Alzheimer's Association & AARP Community Resource Finder will help connect caregivers to the information and support services they need."

"AARP has a long history of advocating for and supporting our nation's 40 million family caregivers by providing resources and services to help them. Every community offers different services, and caregivers often don't have the information or time to track down different options," said **Nancy LeMond, AARP Executive Vice President and Chief Advocacy & Engagement Officer**. "By working together, our organizations can help more people find the resources that they need right in their own communities."

The Alzheimer's Association & AARP Community Resource Finder allows caregivers to search available resources in their area by simply entering their zip code. The database includes listings for a wide range of services, including:

- Housing options.
- Care at home.
- Medical services.
- Legal services, including elder law attorneys.
- Community services, such as adult day centers and transportation.
- Alzheimer's Association information, programs and services.
- AARP information, programs and services.

The Alzheimer's Association & AARP Community Resource Finder offers additional features to assist family caregivers, including tip sheets to help guide decisions regarding various providers and services, links to online communities, a glossary of terms for caregivers and state-by-state licensing information for residential, assisted living facilities and nursing homes.

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About AARP

AARP is the nation's largest nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to empowering people 50 and older to choose how they live as they age. With a nationwide presence and nearly 38 million members, AARP

strengthens communities and advocates for what matters most to families: health security, financial stability and personal fulfillment. AARP also produces the nation's largest circulation publications: AARP The Magazine and AARP Bulletin. To learn more, visit www.aarp.org or follow @AARP and @AARPadvocates on social media.

About the Alzheimer's Association®

The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support and research. Our mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. Our vision is a world without Alzheimer's disease®. Visit www.alz.org or call 800.272.3900.

About Carelike®

- *Carelike is an information and technology company specializing in the collection and distribution of high-quality and current data about licensed professionals and senior-serving organizations (those that serve older individuals and their caregivers and families) in the United States.*
- *Carelike aggregates and maintains basic information about licensed senior-service providers from several hundred sources at the federal, state and local levels as well as through senior service membership organizations.*
 - *Basic information about non-licensed providers is collected from private sources.*
 - *Detailed information is collected when senior-service providers complete a free Provider Profile, outlining the care and services that they offer. To learn more, visit www.carelike.com/providers*

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