Bringing Our Loved Ones Home Taskforce (BOLOH)

- Launched in 2017 in response to the disappearance of Nancy Paulikas from LACMA
- Included 22 stakeholder organizations
- Produced recommendations to better prevent and respond to the problem of wandering, including 17 strategies
- Approved by the Los Angeles County Supervisors (Feb. 20, 2018) including funding for Project Lifesaver, county-wide tracking technology
Dementia Friendly Communities
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- Specialized residential options offering memory loss supports and services
- Dementia-aware and responsive legal and financial planning
- Welcoming and engaging communities of faith
- Dementia-aware and responsive banking practices
- Transportation, housing, and public spaces
- Understanding and supportive neighbors and community members
- Dementia informed local government emergency planning and first response
- Options that maximize independent living and sustain meaningful community engagement
- Businesses that foster customer service and environments that support customers with dementia and employee caregivers
- Health and long term care that promotes early diagnosis and specialized care and support throughout the care continuum
Dementia Friendly Communities in Greater Los Angeles

• Azusa
• San Marino
• Redondo Beach
• Montrose
• West Central/South Central Los Angeles Dementia Care Network
• Latino Dementia Care Network
• Riverside
• Monrovia (future)
• Northridge (future)
Dementia Friendly Montrose

- Community members
- Alzheimer’s Greater Los Angeles
- Glendale Police Department
- Mountview- Elmcroft Senior Living
- Solheim Senior Community
- USC Verdugo Hills Hospital- Stepping Stones
- YMCA of the Foothills
- Verdugo Hills Home Care
- Glendale Public Library
Dementia Friendly Montrose

Every part of our community has a role in supporting people with dementia and their caregivers.

The annual number of persons with Alzheimer’s and other dementias is projected to triple by 2050. These numbers will touch us all because they represent family members, friends, neighbors, co-workers, colleagues, clients, and customers.

**Dementia Friendly means:**
- **An informed** community
  - Understand dementia and Alzheimer’s disease
  - Know what resources exist in your community
- **A safe** community
  - Look out for those susceptible to exploitation
  - Help those who are lost or missing
- **A respectful** community
  - Learn tips for interacting with a person who has dementia
  - Tailor services to create a dementia-friendly business
  - Respond warmly and effectively when serving people living with dementia and their families

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Dementia Friendly Montrose Action Team 2018 Priorities

• Central location for resources
• Community education
• Expand dementia programs in the community
Dementia Friends

Dementia Friends California
A Dementia Friendly America initiative
Global Dementia Friends
Dementia Friends Five Key Messages

1. Dementia is not a natural part of aging
2. Dementia is caused by disease of the brain
3. Dementia is not just about having memory problems
4. It is possible to have a good quality of life with dementia
5. There’s more to the person than the dementia. People with dementia are a valuable part of the community
Become a Dementia Friend!

• Attend an in-person session
• Online

www.alzgla.org/dementia-friends

Interested in hosting a Dementia Friends session? Contact Kimiko Kelly at kkelly@alzgla.org.
State Advocacy

- Dementia CalMediConnect Project
- Access to county mental health services
- Legislative Priorities
  - $3.1 million for Alzheimer’s research
  - Adding 2,000 new slots to the Medi-Cal Assisted Living Waiver
  - AB 1955 (Limón): Alzheimer’s disease public awareness campaign
  - AB 2025 (Mainschein) investing in public-private partnerships to promote person-centered adult-day programs
Federal Advocacy
CHANGE Act (H.R. 4957/S. 2387)
Concentrating on High-Value Alzheimer’s Needs to Get to an End Act

- Promotes timely detection and diagnosis
- Promotes innovative approaches to supporting family care partners
- Removes regulatory barriers to disease-modifying treatments
Other Federal Priorities

• Increase funding for Alzheimer’s research
  o FY 2017: $1.4 billion
  o FY 2018: $1.8 billion (requested)

• Building Our Largest Dementia (BOLD) Infrastructure for Alzheimer’s Act (H.R. 4256/ S. 2076)
  o Creates an Alzheimer’s public health infrastructure to improve early detection and diagnosis, reduce risk and prevent avoidable hospitalizations

• Protect the Affordable Care Act
  o Proposed cuts to Medicaid funding would force California to cut services, restrict eligibility and reduce benefits
Take Action!

• Write to your Representatives

• Call your Representatives (202) 224-3121

• Visit your Members of Congress
Questions?

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