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Alzheimer's Orange County directs grant funding to produce helpful caregiver videos in Korean and Vietnamese languages

IRVINE, California, December 11, 2019 – Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia are equal opportunity afflictions that touch people of all ethnicities and cultures. To address the needs of Korean and Vietnamese speaking caregivers in Southern California, Alzheimer's Orange County (AlzOC) has directed funds from a three-year grant to conceive and produce a series of videos in their native languages.

The original videos were conceived and produced by UCLA Health Alzheimer's and Dementia Care Program. AlzOC used funds from a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, which was titled *Southern California Initiative to Support Special Populations Impacted by Dementia*.

The four videos provide helpful tips for caregivers on topics they often have to address, including Refusal to Bathe, Hallucinations, Refusal to take Medications, and Sundowning.

AlzOC has worked hand in hand with community-based organizations that specialize in the Korean and Vietnamese populations to create dementia capable videos. A long-term goal of the video project is to impact Korean and Vietnamese communities outside of Orange County. For example, Alzheimer's Los Angeles (AlzLA) will be using the videos to educate their Korean-speaking dementia caregivers.

"The ACL is committed to bringing valuable resources to dementia caregivers in historically underserved communities. The much needed videos Alzheimer's Orange County has developed in support of Korean and Vietnamese family caregivers of persons living with dementia will go a long way toward enhancing the quality of life for both the caregivers and their loved ones. We expect that, moving forward, these videos will be a great resource for the Orange County caregiving community," said Erin Long, MSW, Office of Supportive and Caregiver Services, Administration on Aging, Administration for Community Living, US Department of Health and Human Services.

"It is vital that our friends who do not speak English have access to the tools and education needed to care for their loved ones with memory loss. AlzOC is proud to partner with UCLA Health and the Administration for Community Living (ACL) on this amazing program," said Alzheimer's Orange County VP of Programs Mark Odom.

Odom said the need for support is vital as today there are more than 84,000 Orange County residents living with Alzheimer's disease or another form of dementia, and that number is projected to more than triple by 2025. In Orange County alone, Alzheimer's disease is the third leading cause of death. Alzheimer's Orange County's life-changing programs, support services,

advocacy and research benefit those living with memory loss, as well as the people who love and care for them.

Alzheimer's Orange County is located at 2515 McCabe, Suite 200, Irvine, 92614. More information can be found at <http://www.alzoc.org>.

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About Alzheimer's Orange County

Alzheimer's Orange County provides programs and services, many free of charge, to Orange County residents with Alzheimer's and related dementia disorders, their families, caregivers, and the community. Alzheimer's Orange County began in 1982, continues to provide care, support and research in Orange County, Calif. Alzheimer's is a devastating neurodegenerative illness that weakens the memory and other cognitive and emotional functions. For more information, call the Helpline at 1-844-HELP-ALZ, or visit www.alzoc.org. Find Alzheimer's Orange County on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Instagram.