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## **Alzheimer's Orange County Seeks Nominations for Outstanding Dementia Caregivers**

***Public asked to nominate local caregivers to be recognized for commitment to compassionate care***

Irvine, Calif., July 9, 2020 – Alzheimer's Orange County (AOC) has opened up its annual call for nominations for caregivers, both paid and unpaid, residing in Orange County who show extraordinary compassion in caring for someone living with Alzheimer's disease or a related form of dementia. This year, due to COVID-19, the event will be held virtually on Saturday, August 22, 2020.

Anyone can nominate a caregiver through an online form at <https://alzoc.formstack.com/forms/vwnominations>

Nominees are being sought through July 31 for dementia caregivers in the following categories:

- Youth/Young Adult Caregiver – Unpaid caregivers (25 years old and under) who provide regular care for a loved one with dementia.
- Family Caregiver – Unpaid caregivers who are on the frontlines (present or past) of providing compassionate care to a loved one with Alzheimer's or a related form of dementias.
- Professional Caregiver/Direct Service – Paid caregivers who are on the frontlines of providing compassionate care in the dementia field. This classification is appropriate for hospice workers, in-home care workers, RCFE employees, etc.
- Administrative Professional – Individuals in licensed residential facilities, other care facilities, or who serve as administrative professionals in other service agencies to persons with dementia (i.e. hospice, in-home care, etc.).
- Medical/Clinical Professional – Physicians, researchers, geriatric counselors, clinical social workers, geriatric nurse practitioners, care managers, case managers or other clinical professionals in the field of dementia care.

With over 5.5 million Americans affected by Alzheimer's Disease –84,000 of which live right here in Orange County–most people are bound to know someone who has been touched by the disease.

“Caring for someone with Alzheimer's can be an intensely emotional journey,” said Jim McAleer, AlzOC CEO and president. “We want to recognize these incredible individuals who selflessly pour their hearts and energy into improving the lives of those who can no longer care for themselves.”

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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](http://www.alzoc.org). Find Alzheimer's Orange County on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Instagram.