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Alzheimer's Orange County Seeks Nominations for Outstanding Dementia Caregivers

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IRVINE...Alzheimer's Orange County (AlzOC) 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, the event will be held on Friday, November 19, at Dr. Jacqueline DuPont-Carlson's home.

Anyone can nominate a caregiver through an online form at www.alzoc.org/vwluncheon

Nominees are being sought through September 20 for dementia caregivers in the following categories:

- Youth/Young Adult Caregiver – Unpaid caregivers (18 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 whom 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, made even more difficult during the pandemic," 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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