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Alzheimer's Orange County Seeks Nominations for Outstanding Dementia Caregivers

Irvine, Calif., June 4, 2022 – Alzheimer's Orange County (AlzOC) has opened up its annual call for nominations from the public for caregivers, both paid and unpaid, residing in Orange County who care for our frail seniors with extraordinary compassion, something that distinguishes them and inspires others.

The 16th Annual Visionary Women Caregivers Awards event will be held online on Friday, September 23. Anyone can nominate a caregiver at <https://www.alzoc.org/vwluncheon/>

With over six million Americans affected by Alzheimer's, including over 84,000 living here in Orange County, most people likely know someone who has been touched by the disease.

Nominees are being sought for caregivers in the following categories:

- Youth/Young Adult Caregiver – Unpaid caregivers (18 years and under) who provide regular care to a loved one with Alzheimer's or a related form of dementia.
- Family Caregiver – Unpaid caregivers who are on the frontline (present or past) providing compassionate care to a loved one with Alzheimer's or a related form of dementia.
- Professional Caregiver/Direct Service – Paid caregivers who work on the frontline to provide compassionate care in the dementia field. This classification is appropriate for hospice workers, in-home care workers, RCFE employees, and others.
- Administrative Professional – Individuals who serve as administrative professionals in a licensed residential care facility or related service agency such as hospice and in-home care that provides support to persons living with Alzheimer's or related form of dementia.

- 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.
- AlzOC Team Member – Staff/caregivers that work for AlzOC’s Healthy Aging Center Acacia, Healthy Aging Center Laguna Woods or The Cottages who exemplify compassionate care through the direct care or other forms of support they provided for the individuals and families the organization served.

“Caring for someone with Alzheimer’s or a related form of dementia can be an intensely emotional journey,” said AlzOC CEO and President Jim McAleer. “We want to honor these extraordinary people who selflessly pour their hearts and energy into improving the lives of those who can no longer care for themselves.”

AlzOC is located at 2515 McCabe, Suite 200, in Irvine. More information can be found at www.alzoc.org.

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About Alzheimer’s Orange County

Commemorating its 40th year of service in Orange County in 2022, Alzheimer’s Orange County provides programs and services that span the continuum of care of Alzheimer’s and related forms of dementia to Orange County, California residents living with Alzheimer’s or dementia, including older adults and frail seniors, along with their families, caregivers, and the community. Alzheimer’s Orange County began as an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in 1982 with a primary mission of providing care and support for those impacted with dementia and their caregivers in Orange County. Alzheimer’s is a devastating neurodegenerative illness that weakens the memory and other cognitive and emotional functions. For more information, call the Helpline at 844-373-4400, or visit www.alzoc.org. Find Alzheimer’s Orange County on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#).