

What People Are Saying about **UsAgainstAlzheimer's**

Key Quotes from Influencers

"George, thank you and Trish for asking me to be a part of the UsAgainstAlzheimer's *Out of the Shadows* dinner. And thanks especially to you both for your determined work to end Alzheimer's by 2020."

– **Laura Bush, former First Lady of the United States; Alzheimer's caregiver to her father**

"Alzheimer's patients and their families have fierce advocates in the Trish and George team. Trish was dedicated and persistent in working for more research dollars, and we've been able to dramatically increase funding for Alzheimer's disease research. It's a good start, but there's more work to be done. Trish didn't take no for an answer. She never relented in her fight for a cure, and we won't either."

– **Senator Roy Blunt (R-MO), Chairman, Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, Senate Committee on Appropriations**

"Because of Trish, Alzheimer's is no longer in hiding. Because of her passion and George's, all of us will continue to do all we can to end this disease."

– **Senator Patty Murray (D-WA), Member, Congressional Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease**

"I thank you [George] and Trish for your steadfast advocacy. That, ultimately, is what will make the difference!"

– **Senator Susan Collins (R-ME), Co-Chair, Congressional Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease**

"You are the angels for all these families who will never know who you are ... you are their guardian angels looking out for them so maybe their kids won't develop this disease or that, when their moms get this disease, they will be able to stop it in its tracks."

– **Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Member, Congressional Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease**

"When it comes to this fight—for finding a cure for Alzheimer's and help for the caregivers—it should be bipartisan, it should be non-partisan, and it should be all of America, all hands on deck, all out to find the cure! Trish and George both—they are insistent, they are persistent, and they are really a turbo team when it comes to advocacy. We thank you for all of your efforts."

– **Former Senator Barbara Mikulski (D-MD)**

"We have a national [Alzheimer's] plan being implemented by the White House. There would not have been a national goal of 2025 if it weren't for George and Trish. We have greater resources devoted to preventing and treating the disease and an unwavering advocate in AfricanAmericansAgainstAlzheimer's."

– **Melody Barnes, former Director, White House Domestic Policy Council; Founding Member, AfricanAmericansAgainstAlzheimer's**

"Highly accomplished professionals, the Vradenburgs could have enjoyed retirement. Instead, ... George and Trish have made defeating Alzheimer's their life's mission. In five short years, they've accomplished more than many do in a life-long career. A lot of people have created organizations. George and Trish have created a national and international movement."

– **Elias Zerhouni, MD, President, Global R&D, Sanofi; former Director, National Institutes of Health**

"In my professional capacity, I am fortunate to meet and talk frequently with leaders who are making a difference on many issues. Even among such leaders, George and Trish Vradenburg stand out for what they have accomplished in a very short time and for the smart and creative ways they approach what has become their life's passion ... George and Trish hold firm in their belief that victory against Alzheimer's is achievable not decades

from now but in the near future. ... They have inspired many, many people—from skeptical policymakers to exhausted caregivers to frustrated scientists—to join forces and engage in their vision. ... In doing so, they have shaped a new model for advocacy for research and have brought renewed hope to millions of American families.”

– Diane Rehm, Host, *On My Mind* podcast; former Host/Executive Producer, *The Diane Rehm Show* (NPR); Member, [WomenAgainstAlzheimer's Star Power Group](#)

“I am so on the team!! NO ONE is better positioned to make history than you, and I want to be right there when you do!”

– [Leeza Gibbons, TV and Radio Host; Author; Founder, Leeza's Place and Leeza's Care Connection](#)

“It would have been easy and fair for George and Trish to rest on their laurels and enjoy a leisurely retirement. But instead, they have invested their time, energy and resources to building the global movement that is UsAgainstAlzheimer's. Rather than simply open their checkbooks to business-as-usual undertakings, George and Trish set out to shake up Congress, the research community, the biopharmaceutical sector and investors to ratchet up the commitment of each to this cause. This innovative, disruptive strategy has focused on a half-dozen major impediments to developing and delivering disease-modifying therapies to patients as quickly as possible. “

– [Husseini K. Manji, MD, Global Therapeutic Area Head, Neuroscience, Janssen Research & Development](#)

“George is a visionary who realizes that the complexity of the grand challenges confronting humanity can only be addressed efficiently through alliance-building. For this reason, we at the Academy regard George as a role model for budding philanthropists. He uses his resources not for self-aggrandizement but to catalyze collective action.”

– [Ellis Rubinstein, President/CEO, NY Acad. of Sciences; Partner, Global CEO Initiative on Alzheimer's Disease](#)

“Congratulations [on the Research!America Gund Award] and very well deserved. You two have done so much for the cause that I cannot think of more worthy recipients.”

– [Ronald C. Petersen, MD, PhD, Director, Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, Mayo Clinic](#)

“Let's go all-out to push for a cure. You two [George and Trish] are the best leaders ever. I salute you.”

– [Mary Woolley, President, Research!America](#)

“What a dynamic, action-inspiring talk you gave at BrainHealth. I know every person in that room will connect to UsAgainstAlzheimer's and know their actions are required. I so appreciate your charismatic appeal to light the fire to act NOW. You are a Force and glad your energy is connected with our mission of BrainHealth for all.”

– [Sandra Bond Chapman, PhD, Chief Director, Center for BrainHealth; Dee Wyly Distinguished University Professor, University of Texas at Dallas](#)

“I've been a witness to the Vradenburgs' vision for a new-form advocacy, one that changes the conversation in Washington but, importantly, goes far beyond that. In the years since UsAgainstAlzheimer's was founded, NIH funding for Alzheimer's research has increased by a 30 percent bump and the Vradenburgs, along with the movement they are helping lead, played a huge role in making it happen. UsAgainstAlzheimer's has identified six major impediments to developing treatments for patients and delivering them as quickly as possible. Their accomplishments to this end are too many to name. Despite that progress, they are unwilling to rest on their laurels. Their urgency in finding a treatment to prevent Alzheimer's is what truly makes them special.”

– [Ken Dychtwald, PhD, President and CEO, Age Wave; former Board Member, UsAgainstAlzheimer's](#)

“Given the committed, selfless leadership of George and Trish Vradenburg on Alzheimer's, a generation at risk may not perish. As an individual who does battle 24/7 against Alzheimer's, my world—and the lives of millions of others afflicted with this disease—are far more secure with George and Trish in leadership roles.”

– [Greg O'Brien, living with early-onset Alzheimer's; journalist/author; Board Member, UsAgainstAlzheimer's](#)

“It's the collective difference that drew me to George, Trish and UsAgainstAlzheimer's. I have seen more accomplished in the years since its founding than the 20+ years prior. George is one of the best conveners of people and making them feel included that I have ever known.”

– [Lynda Everman, caregiver advocate; Founding Member, ClergyAgainstAlzheimer's & WomenAgainstAlzheimer's](#)

Further Quotes from Influencers

POLICY LEADERS

“How can we ... with all the intellectual resources that we have, with all the scientific opportunity ... how can we not do everything in our power [to end Alzheimer's]? Then along came Trish and George Vradenburg, human catalysts, to bring everybody together. They are relentless, they are persistent and they are dissatisfied.”

– Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), Minority Leader, U.S. House of Representatives

“Trish and I shared a common bond. Both of our mothers passed away after suffering from Alzheimer's. It was that experience that drove Trish to fight for others suffering from the same disease.”

– Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)

“Trish and I connected immediately over this issue [Alzheimer's], and I've gone on to watch her amazing work: organizing, fundraising, advocating. This is a woman who made a tremendous difference in millions of people's lives.”

– Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), Member, Congressional Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease

“In the last few years, my interactions with Trish and George were around the issue that we care so deeply about, and that's Alzheimer's and making sure, as in the case of Trish and her mom, and my mom, that we don't have so many families go through this horrible tragic disease.”

– Senator Mark Warner (D-VA), Co-Chair, Congressional Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease

“Trish was an extraordinary fighter and advocate for so many people around the world. Trish's passion for Alzheimer's inspired me to fight in the U.S. Senate for more scientific and medical research funding. We all have a responsibility to raise our voices to end this awful disease. I know Trish's incredible legacy will continue to motivate us and inspire us for years to come.”

– Senator Kristen Gillibrand (D-NY), Member, Congressional Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease

“Trish had such an impact on me, on so many of my colleagues. She has—just by her force of nature in some sense—moved this issue to the front burner for so many people, and we all thank her for that.”

– Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Member, Congressional Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease

“Thank you, Mr. Frangione, and to your CEO, Dr. Diamandis [of the X Prize Foundation], for working with my staff and me and a group called UsAgainstAlzheimer's on finding a way to encourage the government to spur innovation in Alzheimer's research through prize-based challenges.”

– Senator Roger Wicker (R-MS), Chair, Senate Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation, at Senate hearing “**Unlocking the Cures for America's Most Deadly Diseases**”

“Trish and George put real pressure on Congress to do the right thing and to commit meaningful resources to stopping Alzheimer's. Trish's dogged determination inspires me as we fight to fund new research into Alzheimer's disease on the Appropriations Committee. I pledge to continue the fight in Trish's name.”

– Senator Tom Udall (D-NM), Member, Senate Committee on Appropriations

“George and Trish's advocacy made a difference in stem cell research, in public awareness of Alzheimer's, and in their passion and dedication to helping others.”

– Senator Ben Cardin (D-MD)

“Thank you for your focus and work regarding Alzheimer's disease. You are absolutely right regarding its cost and devastating impact on families.”

– Congressman Steny Hoyer (D-MD); House Democratic Whip

"[George] has been a source of a great deal of input to this subcommittee on what we ought to be doing and I do greatly appreciate that. Thank you very much for your leadership and for your extraordinarily crisp and incisive testimony with very concrete recommendations."

– Congressman Chris Smith (R-NJ), **Co-Chair, Congressional Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease**

"George and Trish Vradenburg are inspiring in their work for Alzheimer's research. We and the many friends of George and Trish and their many colleagues will join in continuing their important work."

– Congresswoman Barbara Comstock (R-VA), **Member, Congressional Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease**

"Trish had this way about her that just made you smile and never ever want to let her down. Trish, we are going to deliver. We are going to find that cure."

– Congresswoman Debbie Dingell (D-MI)

"I honor Trish by committing to ensure that in her memory we continue the fight to discover a cure for Alzheimer's."

– Congresswoman Doris Matsui (D-CA)

"George Vradenburg single-handedly got \$39 million from the [Department of Defense] for Alzheimer's research."

– Former Congressman Jim Moran (D-VA)

HEALTH & SCIENCE LEADERS

"Trish, you've been an inspiration to all of us in our battle against Alzheimer's disease and the suffering it causes. All of us pledge to continue tirelessly in pursuit of our common goal."

– Richard J. Hodes, MD, Director, National Institute on Aging, National Institutes of Health

"I have had the privilege to work with George and Trish for several years, particularly in my role as Project Director of the Anti-Amyloid Treatment of Asymptomatic Alzheimer's disease (A4) Study—the first of its kind prevention trial in clinically normal older individuals. Our greatest challenge in realizing the promise presented by the public-private partnership in A4 is recruitment, as we need to screen over 10,000 older individuals to find the 1000 participants for the A4 study. George and Trish Vradenburg have worked tirelessly to aid us in getting the word out to a diverse group of older individuals and raising awareness about AD prevention."

– Reisa A. Sperling, MD, MMSc, Professor of Neurology, Harvard Medical School; Principal Investigator, Harvard Aging Brain Study, Massachusetts General Hospital; **Founding Member, WomenAgainstAlzheimer's**

"I would like to express my personal gratitude for the tremendous commitment and energy you [George] have brought to your membership of the World Dementia Council, working collaboratively across the globe to tackle dementia. Your efforts have helped raise the profile of dementia; we are now closer to a disease-modifying therapy ... and have also made significant progress in the areas of care and risk reduction."

– Rt. Hon. Jeremy Hunt MP, Secretary of State for Health, UK Department of Health

"In my extensive work with the Vradenburgs, I am constantly pushed to explore new horizons and to consider innovative approaches to Alzheimer's research. George challenges all of us to think about how research and therapy development should be done, not how it has been done. George and Trish founded UsAgainstAlzheimer's because they saw a void that needed to be filled. This advocacy has yielded a substantial infusion of new funding for Alzheimer's research at NIH and DoD in the years since UsAgainstAlzheimer's was formed and has helped drive policy reforms intended to accelerate the path to Alzheimer's and dementia treatments and therapies."

– **Michael W. Weiner, MD, Principle Investigator, Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging Initiative;** Professor of Radiology, Medicine, Psychiatry, and Neurology, Univ. of California, San Francisco

“Your determination, vision and leadership—what a dynamic duet!! Ed [Senator Ed Markey; D-MA] and I are so very proud of you and your important contributions to advancing the field.”

– Susan Blumenthal, MD, MPA, former US Assistant Surgeon General; Rear Admiral, US Public Health Svc. (Ret.)

“I am delighted that George and Trish were chosen [for Research!America’s Gund Award]. They are remarkable leaders.”

– Christopher P. Austin, MD, Director, National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences, NIH

BUSINESS/INDUSTRY LEADERS

“I greatly value our work together.... It is particularly encouraging to see your organization engaged in so many key policy issues in this area. The role of the patient voice in decision-making, particularly in Alzheimer’s, is incredibly important. Equally, your work with agencies and advisory bodies remains paramount to encouraging patient access and reward for innovation.”

– David A. Ricks, President and CEO, Eli Lilly and Company

“It would be a privilege for our senior leadership and global staff to hear your [George’s] perspective and deep expertise on the global burden of Alzheimer’s Disease ... From your creation of the Global CEO Initiative on Alzheimer’s Disease, of which Roche is a proud member, to your leadership in keeping Alzheimer’s Disease on the agenda among heads of state of G7, your work and dedication has motivated so many and fostered a spirit of collaboration.”

– Severin Schwan, CEO, Roche Holding AG

“The financial implications for individuals and families are enormous—and the emotional toll is immeasurable. That’s why we are taking a leading role in The Global CEO Initiative on Alzheimer’s Disease. All of the companies involved are working together to harness the efforts of governments, nongovernmental agencies and research facilities behind the search for a cure by 2025.”

– Andy Sieg, Head of Global Wealth and Retirement Solutions, Bank of America Merrill Lynch; Member, **Global CEO Initiative on Alzheimer’s Disease**

“We wouldn’t do what we do without the incredible collaboration from your organization.”

– Molly Ryan, Senior Director, Government Affairs and Advocacy, Otsuka America Pharmaceutical Inc.

“You have really had a profound effect on this cause. But ‘til I heard your expression of disappointment at the failure of the latest trial, I did not realize the power of patient advocacy. It was a clarifying moment for me. Powered by our collective hope and your authentic passion, and sustained collaborative efforts, I am confident that a break in research and a resulting cure for Alzheimer’s will surely materialize.”

– Surya Kolluri, Managing Director, Policy and Planning, Bank of America Merrill Lynch Global Wealth and Retirement Solutions; Member, **Global CEO Initiative on Alzheimer’s Disease**

ADVOCACY LEADERS

“When I think of Trish, I think of her determination, her smile, her fire. I think of all the people who followed her when she asked them to come forward and help her wipe out Alzheimer’s. She was committed to finding a cure for this disease, and every single person that continues in this space will continue in her name, and her spirit will live on inside all of us because we share her passion and her mission.”

– Maria Shriver, journalist and author

“Trish, you really won my heart when we reunited to raise money for Alzheimer’s, the disease that stole my beloved father. You and George were dedicated to making a difference. And you did. You really did.”

– Jean Smart, actress

“This is how I remember Trish: during her presentation at last year’s UsAgainstAlzheimer’s Summit, Trish walked to the podium with her boxing gloves(!), inspiring ALL the audience to continue working but even more, fighting without a break, without ‘time out,’ NO reason to stop.”

–**Constantina Mizis, CEO, The Latino Alzheimer’s and Memory Disorders Alliance**

“Your combined leadership as co-founders of UsAgainstAlzheimer’s, George’s work at the Global CEO Initiative on Alzheimer’s Disease, and Leaders Engaged on Alzheimer’s Disease, the U.S. Health and Human Services’ Advisory Council on Research, Care, and Services, and Trish’s accomplishments as a playwright, author, comedy writer, journalist and advocate have not gone unnoticed. Your tireless crusade against Alzheimer’s disease has truly been an inspiration.”

–**Mimi Low-Young, CEO, Alzheimer Society of Canada**

“The work you [George] and Trish have done for Alzheimer’s is absolutely inspiring. Your faith that a cure can be found will surely be realized thanks to the focus and efforts you and others have brought to the battle.”

– **Victoria P. Sant, CEO, The Summit Foundation**

“For [Alzheimer’s] patients and caregivers alike, the disease consumes every waking moment, so it’s truly heartening and inspiring when leaders like George and Trish Vradenburg focus not only their political and business acumen but also dedicate their philanthropy and themselves full-time to stopping Alzheimer’s. By bringing together diverse voices that represent those most deeply affected by Alzheimer’s, the Vradenburgs have forced urgency in the public policy arena. ... George and Trish have recognized the need to increase participation in clinical trials for new treatments and therefore launched the Global Alzheimer’s Platform, seeking to accelerate the process of getting new drugs to market two years faster and cut the cost in half. ... George and Trish also recognize that, in order to bring this disease out of the shadows, we must include persons with dementia and their caregivers in direct advocacy efforts. ... They are a true force in the movement, and their energy can be felt across countless efforts in many countries across the globe.”

– **Meryl Comer, President, Geoffrey Beene Foundation Alzheimer’s Initiative; Founding Board Member, UsAgainstAlzheimer’s**

“I cannot tell you how important UsA2’s support has been to get this [Dementia Friendly America] where it is today. Thank you for modeling true championship. As we say at the Lab, you have a ‘high say-do ratio and you do it with heart’ – something we always strive for. Honored to be your partner in this.”

– **Olivia Mastry, JD, MPH, Founder, Collective Action Lab; Founding Member, WomenAgainstAlzheimer’s**

“George and Trish embody the spirit of *tikkun olam* [repairing the world] unlike any of the tens of thousands of dementia advocates I’ve known in the past two decades; they possess an unparalleled combination of humanity, determination, and effectiveness. With George and Trish, dementia advocacy is more than telling their own story, raising millions of dollars, and buttonholing members of Congress at events. ... George and Trish have so completely immersed themselves in learning the science that they are able to work arm-in-arm with leading researchers to conceive and design a global standing clinical trials platform, develop and prioritize milestones to the national goal of an effective means of treatment and prevention by 2025, and work collaboratively with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and foreign agencies to accelerate international regulatory alignment as one element of the Vradenburgs’ strategy to shorten the drug discovery pipeline. ... Through the Vradenburgs’ work, often disenfranchised communities are gaining the tools to overcome systemic generational health disparities. ... In addition to advocacy for research, George and Trish keep front of mind the needs and aspirations of people already facing dementia. ... Their work is changing the landscape for dementia research and bringing hope for improved quality of life and a cure to the growing millions of American families who face these diseases.”

– **Ian Kremer, Executive Director, LEAD (Leaders Engaged on Alzheimer’s Disease) Coalition**

ALZHEIMER'S PATIENTS & CAREGIVERS

"To UsAgainstAlzheimer's for the incredible work that you do day after day with regards to cognitive impairment education, awareness and the dramatic need for substantially curative funding in the U.S. and around the world as soon as is possible: simply stated, a HUGE thanks!"

– Sandy Halperin, living with early-onset Alzheimer's; Member, ActivistsAgainstAlzheimer's

"I will be forever grateful for UsAgainstAlzheimer's, as it has been a catalyst for me. This Early-Onset Alzheimer's (genetic form) is extremely cruel as it robs the younger people of a life, but with people like yourself pushing an agenda, hopefully it will be a thing of the past."

– Philip Choban, caregiver to his wife Carmen with early-onset Alzheimer's

ON OUR CO-FOUNDER TRISH VRADENBURG'S PLAY *SURVIVING GRACE*

"A courageous woman has provided a way for all of us to begin to wrestle with a very tough subject, Alzheimer's disease. I am so proud to be part of the cast of Trish Vradenburg's play, *Surviving Grace*. I believe it will open people's minds and hearts and help us all to speak forthrightly about a hidden disease affecting millions."

– Diane Rehm, Host, *On My Mind* podcast; former Host/Executive Producer, *The Diane Rehm Show* (NPR); Member, **WomenAgainstAlzheimer's Star Power Group**

"Although it touches so many of our lives, Alzheimer's is rarely discussed in polite company. I am thrilled to be involved in the Los Angeles production of *Surviving Grace*, which shows us we can have these difficult conversations without losing our sense of humor along the way."

– Carol Burnett, actress

"Alzheimer's takes a huge emotional, physical and financial toll not only on patients, but also on families and caregivers. We need to do all that we can to amplify the voices of those impacted by Alzheimer's, which is why I'm honored to be a part of *Surviving Grace*."

– Marilu Henner, actress

ON OUR ROLE IN FORMING THE GLOBAL ALZHEIMER'S (GAP) FOUNDATION

"The wheels have cleared the runway on this effort, and it is exciting to see it get off the ground. This collaboration has the potential to be a game changer for Alzheimer's drug development. A global trial-ready platform will increase our prospects of finding important biomarkers, or discovering effective treatments for Alzheimer's. If we don't do this, we may be facing decades of uncoordinated, one-off efforts that fail to enhance our ability to accelerate learning and human testing and really move the field forward."

– Janet Woodcock, MD, Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, U.S. Food and Drug Administration

"Lilly is pleased to see this level of global cooperation that aims to accelerate clinical trials and ultimately help speed drugs to patients. We look forward to our continued work with GAP and the Innovative Medicines Initiative to assure the promise of this collaboration is realized."

– Phyllis Ferrell, Global Brand Development Leader, Alzheimer's Disease, Eli Lilly and Company

"Clinical trial recruitment [for Alzheimer's] has proven exceptionally challenging. Thankfully, groups like the Global Alzheimer's Platform and UsAgainstAlzheimer's are taking important steps towards bringing academic and private research institutions, as well as industry partners, together to build awareness of the importance of these trials and to make the process more effective."

– Gary Tong, MD, PhD, US Therapeutic Area Head, Dementia, Lundbeck

ON LATINOS AGAINST ALZHEIMER'S

"With over 1,000 councils across the country, LULAC knows firsthand the impact of chronic disease and health disparities on the Latino community, and Alzheimer's is a growing disparity that needs to be addressed. Latinos present symptoms of this debilitating disease about seven years earlier than non-Latinos. We look forward to raising awareness and catalyzing action against this disease, through the Latinos Against Alzheimer's Coalition."

– Brent Wilkes, Executive Director, League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC); Member, [Latinos Against Alzheimer's Coalition](#)

"Alzheimer's represents a growing burden on Latino families and individuals, and we are proud to join Latinos Against Alzheimer's in taking a stand against this horrible disease. As a member of the National Alzheimer's Project Act Advisory Council, I know that coordination and partnership are critical to stopping Alzheimer's and the launch of this coalition is an important first step in addressing this urgent public health issue."

– Dr. Yanira Cruz, President/CEO, Nat'l Hispanic Council on Aging; Member, [Latinos Against Alzheimer's Coalition](#)

"It's going to take innovative and authentic community engagement efforts to truly move the needle forward on minority participation in all clinical trials especially those that involve Alzheimer's disease research. Partners like the Us Against Alzheimer's Latino Network are invaluable to bridging the gap between the research and grassroots community and to forge the relationships needed to make Alzheimer's disease a priority in the Latino community."

– Neelum Aggarwal, MD, Associate Professor of Neurology, Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center; Founding Member, [Women Against Alzheimer's](#)

ON AFRICAN AMERICANS AGAINST ALZHEIMER'S & DIRECTOR STEPHANIE MONROE

"Stephanie did 15 terrific radio interviews about A4 and the importance of African Americans participating in A4 and other AD clinical trials. Stephanie was absolutely amazing—extremely articulate and compelling! She did a great job in mentioning African Americans Against Alzheimer's efforts, so hopefully was a win-win for outreach."

– Dr. Reisa Sperling, Harvard Medical School; Principal Investigator, A4 Alzheimer's Prevention Clinical Trial; Founding Member, [Researchers Against Alzheimer's](#) & [Women Against Alzheimer's](#)

ON VETERANS AGAINST ALZHEIMER'S

On the October 2017 Veterans Against Alzheimer's Launch Event and News Coverage –

"What a great event! I was so impressed with the program, the speeches, and the tenor of the event. There is such hope for a meaningful path forward. It is nice to see so many people come together for this important issue. Congratulations on your accomplishments."

– Charlotte Safos, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, AnthroTronix, Inc.

"I would like to congratulate you on the launch of Veterans Against Alzheimer network and the successful Summit. You invited so many wonderful panelists ... and you will be the one who bring all Veterans together."

– Weiming Xia, PhD, Research Associate Professor, Pharmacology & Experimental Therapeutics; Acting Assoc. Director of Research, Bedford Geriatric Research Education, Clinical Center, Bedford VA Medical Center

"Awesome publicity [in [Stars & Stripes](#)]! Will make sure it spreads through our research, VA, DoD and University systems."

– Rachel B. Ramoni, DMD, ScD, Chief Research and Development Officer, US Department of Veterans Affairs

"It was terrific connecting and brain storming at last night's event ... As I mentioned, the potential overlap and leveraging between what the VA and DoD are doing with CENC and what is occurring in the Alzheimer's research space is substantial. Looking forward to really making a difference for our Veterans."

– David X. Cifu, MD, *Herman J. Flax, MD* Professor & Chairman, Dept. of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Virginia Commonwealth Univ. School of Medicine; Senior TBI Specialist, US Department of Veterans Affairs

ON WOMENAGAINSTALZHEIMER'S

"Being [at the WomenAgainstAlzheimer's Summit] with women who understand the differential risk for a disease like this, where women and men are energized to tackle this, where they have the openness to think about sex differences in the brain that we need to capitalize on to develop therapeutics, and they're willing to raise awareness and funding, makes me extremely hopeful."

– **Dr. Jill Goldstein, Director of Research, Connors Center for Women's Health and Gender Biology, Brigham and Women's Hospital; Founding Member, WomenAgainstAlzheimer's**

ON CLERGYAGAINSTALZHEIMER'S

Leader's Guide for Seasons of Caring — 2016 Caregiver-Friendly Award, *Today's Caregiver* magazine

— The *Leader's Guide* provides guidance and structure for support groups using our award-winning *Seasons of Caring: Meditations for Alzheimer's and Dementia Caregivers*

"Clergy and faith communities play several unique roles in the movement to end Alzheimer's. One is articulating the moral imperative of finding a cure, which is found in the sacred writings of all traditions. A central message of ClergyAgainstAlzheimer's is that, while we come from different faith communities, we are united in our belief in the urgency of curing this dreaded disease."

– **Steven M. Glazer, Rabbi Emeritus, Congregation Beth Emeth; Founding Member, ClergyAgainstAlzheimer's**

"I have joined with others to minister to caregivers and those with dementia and to be a voice crying in the wilderness to bring about change. We are pushing for a better quality of life for people with dementia and advocating for a cure by 2020."

– **Rev. Bobby Fields, Pastor; Program Coordinator, Alzheimer's Tennessee; Founding Member, ClergyAgainstAlzheimer's**

ON OUR NATIONAL ALZHEIMER'S SUMMIT, ALZHEIMER'S DISPARITIES SYMPOSIUM & TRISH VRADENBURG OUT OF THE SHADOWS DINNER

"It was an awe-inspiring Summit—such that few left without embracing their personal and pivotal role in the fight against Alzheimer's. Your collaborative openness is rare and wonderfully contagious. It was impressive how the audience hung on every word, stayed with each and every panel, speaker, video, and event on the edge of their chair—instilling possibilities of strong advocacy with meat on the bones of the impactful and reachable next steps. It was an honor to play a small role and to be stretched to imagine how together we really can make the impossible reality in expanding our brain health span and solving Alzheimer's—especially for women, minorities and veterans. It was magnificent—tremendous from beginning to end!"

– **Sandra Bond Chapman, PhD, Chief Director, Center for BrainHealth; Dee Wylie Distinguished University Professor, University of Texas at Dallas**

"Congratulations on an extraordinary and very productive Summit. I heard very laudatory comments about the depth, organization, intensity and topics. The format was exceptionally creative and conducive to discussion. I was specially moved by the award ceremony and the inspiring words by the participants. Look forward to a continued collaboration with you and your group in this absolutely critical endeavor [to cure Alzheimer's]."

– **Eliezer Masliah, MD, Director, Div. of Neurosciences, National Institute on Aging, National Institutes of Health**

"Congressman Ben Ray Lujan's office (New Mexico) is very interested in exploring and presenting the option of House sponsorship of Senator Capito's bill. Thanks for a great summit; I am beyond energized."

– **Deena Rolls, Alzheimer's advocate and family caregiver, New Mexico**

“What a great event! I was so impressed with the program, the speeches, and the tenor of the event. There is such hope for a meaningful path forward. It is nice to see so many people come together for this important issue. Congratulations on your accomplishments.”

– Charlotte Safos, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, AnthroTronix, Inc.

“Ellen and I wish to extend to you and to your team our deepest appreciation for inviting us to participate in the National Alzheimer's Summit and associated events. The Summit was top flight, including the selection of faculty and panelists, topics covered, accommodations, organization, etc. I attend many conferences, but in terms of quality realized and content covered in a one-day event, this is the best I have experienced. We look forward to an exciting year of dementia advocacy.”

– Daniel C. Potts, MD, FAAN, Attending Neurologist, Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center; Founder and President, Cognitive Dynamics Foundation; Medical Director, Dementia Dynamics, LLC

“Thank you for enabling us to attend your Second Annual Alzheimer's Disparities Symposium. It was wonderful to meet Jason and Stephanie [LatinosAgainstAlzheimer's and AfricanAmericansAgainstAlzheimer's Executive Directors] as we have been on their Network webinars and understand how important it is to engage minority community stakeholders in all aspects of this effort! The panels and discussions were very thought-provoking; and our working group interactions were amazing!! It is very clear that each one of us must be part of ‘The Change We Wish to See.’”

– Jackie Pinkowitz, MEd, Board Chair; Karen Love, Executive Director, Dementia Action Alliance

“I am truly in awe of how wonderful the week was. The panels were very good, and USA2 has certainly succeeded in assembling an A list of Alzheimer's pioneers. I left feeling very confident that the road to a cure has been accelerated by this very dynamic group!”

– Deborah Kan, Being Patient

“What I was graced to see was amazing, impressive and inspiring. Thank you to the whole USA2 team for all you do. You all work tirelessly hard and are so inspirational; this disease has no chance with all of you as its enemy.”

– Tyler Vradenburg, 2017 award presenter, Trish Vradenburg *Out of the Shadows* Dinner; son of **UsAgainstAlzheimer's** Co-Founders George and Trish Vradenburg

“So beautiful. Such a testament to all of your shared passion and hard work. Congrats to you all.”

– Alissa Vradenburg, 2017 award presenter, Trish Vradenburg *Out of the Shadows* Dinner; daughter of **UsAgainstAlzheimer's** Co-Founders George and Trish Vradenburg

ON OUR “ALZHEIMER'S TALKS” AUDIOCONFERENCE SERIES

“I just finished listening to the Alzheimer's Talk and was very pleased with what was said. I'm happy you are involving your audience in the event. I look forward to the next talk. Thank you and you colleagues for doing this. Every little bit helps.”

– Joanne Elliott, **UsAgainstAlzheimer's** Alzheimer's Talks listener

“If [your Alzheimer's Talks speaker, Dr. Brinton] is looking for people for her clinical trials, I know some who may be interested. I would like to forward this teleconference to them.”

– Rita Hortenstine, Founding Member, **WomenAgainstAlzheimer's**

“Thank you very much for the informative [Alzheimer’s Talks] call and forum to discuss AD. I found the information extremely interesting and relative.”

– **Rose Mastellone, UsAgainstAlzheimer’s Alzheimer’s Talks listener**

“Fascinating, thank you so much for the [Alzheimer’s Talks] lecture series, and I so look forward to the next discussion. As a nurse and a daughter whose father has Alzheimer’s, I am so proud to be a part of your listening community. I hope to help whatever way I can stomp out this disease!”

– **Pam Mirick, UsAgainstAlzheimer’s Alzheimer’s Talks listener**

ON OUR “ALZHEIMER’S DAILY” NEWSLETTER

“I must compliment you and your team on the daily updates. I find them very interesting and they help me to keep up since it is easy to miss some of these articles.”

– **Ronald C. Petersen, MD, PhD, Director, Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center, Mayo Clinic**