

# THE FEMALE FACE OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

As Mother's Day approaches, our thoughts turn to all things "mom." The lives of an increasing number of mothers, grandmothers, daughters, granddaughters and other women have been touched by Alzheimer's disease – either through their own diagnosis or that of a family member. Here's a look at women and Alzheimer's disease:



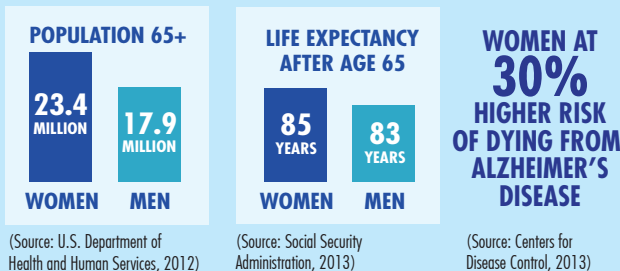
## MANY MILLIONS OF MOMS

**85.4 MILLION** = Number of mothers of all ages in the U.S.

(Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012)



## THE AGING AMERICAN FEMALE



**75%** of females who had a memory screening on the Alzheimer's Foundation of America's National Memory Screening Day reported memory concerns

(Source: Alzheimer's Foundation of America, 2010)



## ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

**5.1 MILLION** AMERICANS HAVE ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE



(Sources: National Institute on Aging, 2013 and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2012)

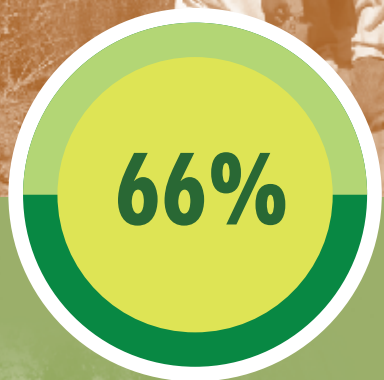
Prevalence **doubles every five years beyond age 65**

(Source: National Institute on Aging, 2013)

**6th** leading cause of death in the U.S.

(Source: Centers for Disease Control, 2013)

65 AND OLDER



## SHOULDERING THE RESPONSIBILITY OF CAREGIVING



**66%** of caregivers are female  
(Source: National Alliance for Caregiving and AARP, 2009)

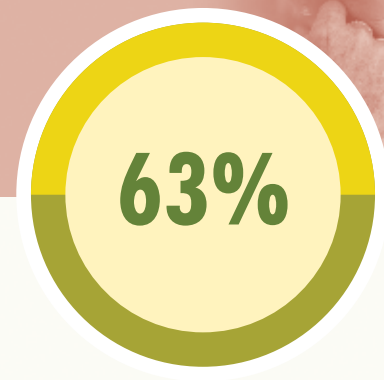
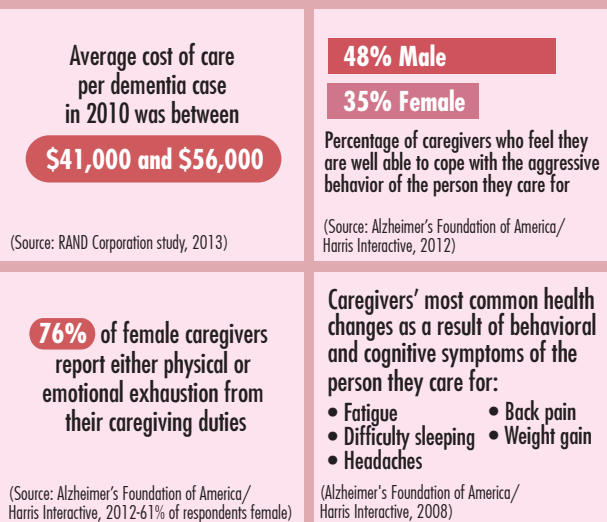
Female caregivers' average age:

**48**

(Source: National Alliance for Caregiving and AARP, 2009)



## THE FINANCIAL AND EMOTIONAL COSTS OF ALZHEIMER'S CARE



## AND A POSITIVE NOTE:

Sandwich caregiving (caring for child/children under 21 and someone with Alzheimer's disease) has positive aspects:

**63%** of women reported becoming stronger

(Source: Alzheimer's Foundation of America/Harris Interactive, 2008)

