

**Alzheimer's Association, West Virginia Chapter
West Virginia Public Policy Platform 2010**

The Alzheimer's Association, WV Chapter is committed to eliminating Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; providing and enhancing care and support for all affected; and reducing the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. Nearly 48,000 West Virginians are living with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia—a number that is expected to triple by 2050.

- We will monitor the results of legislative initiatives that focus on recommendations from the Vision Shared Long-Term Care Taskforce and the GOHELP office and work to integrate with ongoing programs and services that assist those we serve.
- We will work to assure Medicaid benefits are available for Alzheimer's individuals and their families.
- We support adequate Alzheimer's Respite Care funds to reflect the growing needs of individuals with Alzheimer's.
- We support initiatives to develop a career ladder and adequate compensation for quality in-home care workers.
- We encourage the support of a continuum of alternatives for the care of those with Alzheimer's.