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FROM: Barb Leetch, Region VIII Alzheimer's Coordinator

TO: Region VIII VP, Federation Presidents and Alzheimer's Coordinators

SUBJ: NARFE Region VIII Alzheimer's Association Report for June 2023

As of the end of June, the NARFE fundraising total was \$15,853,619. This amount includes the Longest Day totals and the Walk to End Alzheimer's for 2022. The total amount includes the money raised (\$78,610) from the NARFE teams participating in the 2022 Walk to End Alzheimer's and the donations received (\$2,625) from the Longest Day in 2022. Also, planned gifts received in FY 2023 in the amount of \$859,137 were posted. The planned gifts amount will be updated monthly as more gifts are received throughout the year. During the month of June, our members raised a total of \$20,371, **down** \$9,943 from donations received in June 2022. The amount raised by Region VIII in FY 2023 is \$18,558 which is **up** \$3,103 from the same reporting period in FY 2022. Below is the breakout by Federation for both reporting periods:

|            | FY 2023  | FY 2022  | Difference |
|------------|----------|----------|------------|
| California | \$13,859 | \$11,432 | \$ 2,427   |
| Hawaii     | \$ 2,209 | \$ 1,642 | \$ 567     |
| Nevada     | \$ 2,490 | \$ 2,381 | \$ 109     |
| Total      | \$18,558 | \$15,455 | \$ 3,103   |

The new fundraising goal is \$16 million by December 31, 2025.

Fiscal Year 2023 covers the period July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

The Longest Day was on June 21, 2023, and fundraising for this event is now closed. Thank you to everyone who donated to this fundraising event.

Walk to End Alzheimer's. The NARFE Goal for the 2023 Walks is \$100,000. To date, \$24,620 has been raised. Teams can now register for the walk this year at [alz.org/narfewalks](http://alz.org/narfewalks). The Walk is the largest fundraiser for Alzheimer's care, support, and research. The name "NARFE" should be included in the team's name. You do not need to walk in-order-to start or join a team. You will be making a difference! The place and date for the 2023 Walks in Region VIII are shown below.



| <b>Walk Location</b>          | <b>2023 Walk Date</b> |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Aptos, CA                     | 9/23/2023             |
| Bakersfield, CA               | 10/21/2023            |
| Chico, CA                     | 10/14/2023            |
| Escondido, CA                 | 9/23/2023             |
| Eureka, CA                    | 10/14/2023            |
| Fresno, CA                    | 10/21/2023            |
| Hermosa Beach, CA             | 10/7/2023             |
| Huntington Beach, CA          | 11/4/2023             |
| Imperial County, CA           | 11/19/2023            |
| Irvine, CA                    | 10/21/2023            |
| Long Beach, CA                | 10/28/2023            |
| Los Angeles, CA               | 10/28/2023            |
| Merced, CA                    | 10/7/2023             |
| Modesto, CA                   | 9/9/2023              |
| Monterey, CA                  | 10/7/2023             |
| Orcutt, CA                    | 9/30/2023             |
| Oxnard, CA                    | 9/23/2023             |
| Palm Desert, CA               | 11/4/2023             |
| Rancho Cucamonga, CA          | 10/14/2023            |
| Rancho Mission Viejo          | 9/30/2023             |
| Redding, CA                   | 9/23/2023             |
| Ridgecrest, CA                | 10/28/2023            |
| Rohnert Park, CA              | 10/7/2023             |
| Sacramento, CA                | 9/30/2023             |
| San Diego, CA                 | 10/7/2023             |
| San Fernando Valley, CA       | 10/22/2023            |
| San Francisco, CA             | 11/4/2023             |
| San Jose, CA                  | 10/14/2023            |
| San Luis Obispo, CA           | 11/4/2023             |
| San Ramon, CA (East Bay Area) | 10/28/2023            |
| Santa Barbara, CA             | 10/14/2023            |
| Santa Monica, CA              | 10/22/2023            |
| Stockton, CA                  | 10/14/2023            |
| Suisun City, CA               | 10/21/2023            |
| Temecula Valley, CA           | 10/7/2023             |
| Valencia, CA                  | 10/7/2023             |
| Visalia, CA                   | 8/20/2023             |
| West Lake Village, CA         | 10/21/2023            |
| Yountville, CA (Napa)         | 9/9/2023              |
| Yuba City, CA                 | 9/9/2023              |
| Kahului, HI                   | 10/21/2023            |



|               |            |
|---------------|------------|
| Kapa'a, HI    | 8/26/2023  |
| Hilo, HI      | 9/23/2023  |
| Honolulu, HI  | 11/4/2023  |
| Las Vegas, NV | 10/28/2023 |
| Sparks, NV    | 10/14/2023 |

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## **First Alzheimer's drug to slow disease progression gets full FDA approval, triggering broader Medicare coverage**

“The US Food and Drug Administration on Thursday granted traditional full approval to the Alzheimer's drug Leqembi, the first medicine proven to slow the course of the memory-robbing disease.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services said Thursday that it will now expand coverage of the drug, broadening access for up to an estimated million people with early forms of the disease.

“Today's action is the first verification that a drug targeting the underlying disease process of Alzheimer's disease has shown clinical benefit in this devastating disease,” Teresa Buracchio, acting director of the Office of Neuroscience in the FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, said in [the announcement](#). “This confirmatory study verified that it is a safe and effective treatment for patients with Alzheimer's disease.”

Leqembi, from drugmakers Eisai and Biogen, received accelerated approval in [January](#) based on evidence that it clears amyloid plaque buildups in the brain that are associated with Alzheimer's disease. But because of an earlier coverage decision by CMS, which provides insurance coverage for many elderly people with Alzheimer's through Medicare, the drug hasn't been widely used. It costs \$26,500 annually before insurance coverage.

“You had this treatment at your fingertips, and suddenly you had Medicare saying, ‘Yeah, but you can't quite get access to that yet,’ ” said Joe Montminy, 59, who was diagnosed with younger-onset Alzheimer's in his early 50s. “Getting that insurance coverage is incredibly significant ... because having a treatment is awesome, but I can't afford to pay the \$26,000 cost.”



The drug was approved only for people with early forms of Alzheimer's disease, those with mild cognitive impairment or mild dementia who have been confirmed to have amyloid plaques in their brains. Dr. Lawrence Honig, a professor of neurology at Columbia University Irving Medical Center, estimates that group constitutes about a sixth of the more than 6 million Americans currently diagnosed with Alzheimer's.

People with more advanced forms of the disease may not benefit from the drug, he said, and may face increased safety risks.

"It's not that we know it's not good for people with moderate or severe disease; it's just that we don't know," said Honig, who has consulted for drug companies working on Alzheimer's medicines.

Even for those who may benefit from the drug, Honig noted, it's not a cure; Legembi was [shown](#) in an 18-month clinical trial to slow declines in cognitive ability and function by 27%.

"The treatments we have right now are just the beginning of a new era," Honig said. "We hope that we will have treatments that are more efficacious."

Please remember that Chapter dues CAN NOT be used for donations to the Alzheimer's Association. Even if the Chapter is closing, they cannot donate the funds to NARFE-Alzheimer's Research.

Donations collected from NARFE members should be sent to the Federation Alzheimer's Coordinator for submission to the Alzheimer's Association and not be held for another month.

Thank you so much for all your support to make it possible to improve the lives of so many others!

Regards,  
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**NARFE/ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH  
CONTRIBUTIONS**

**JULY 1, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023**

**NARFE HQ \$0.00**

**ANONYMOUS CASH \$0.00**

**REGION I \$9,920.75**

Connecticut \$1,140.50

Maine \$386.25

Massachusetts \$1,383.00

New Hampshire \$4,280.00

New York \$2,231.00

Rhode Island \$100.00

Vermont \$400.00

**REGION II \$23,014.70**

Delaware \$1,540.00

Dist. of Columbia \$316.00

Maryland \$9,383.21

New Jersey \$2,994.86

Pennsylvania \$8,780.63

**REGION III \$23,294.36**

Alabama \$2,724.50

Florida \$2,906.63

Georgia \$11,352.68

Mississippi \$4,402.04

Puerto Rico/ \$335.00

Virgin Islands

South Carolina \$1,573.51

**REGION IV \$22,743.51**

Illinois \$6,684.40

Indiana \$4,404.61

Michigan \$3,051.00

Ohio \$4,946.50

Wisconsin \$3,657.00

**REGION V \$47,900.42**

Iowa \$7,360.61

Kansas \$12,751.55

Minnesota \$5,374.00

Missouri \$3,852.00

Nebraska \$1,667.20

North Dakota \$6,052.59

South Dakota \$10,842.47

**BY REGION AND FEDERATION**

**PER ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION  
FY 2023 PGA FIGURES**

**REGION VI \$27,795.97**

Arkansas \$5,793.00

Louisiana \$5,659.00

Oklahoma \$3,665.29

Panama \$0.00

Texas \$12,678.68

**REGION VII \$10,163.66**

Arizona \$3,396.00

Colorado \$5,603.90

New Mexico \$693.76

Utah \$150.00

Wyoming \$320.00

**REGION VIII \$18,557.50**

California \$13,858.50

Hawaii \$2,209.00

Nevada \$2,490.00

Philippines \$0.00

**INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION \$100.00**

**REGION IX \$25,344.73**

Alaska \$0.00

Idaho \$5,448.88

Montana \$605.00

Oregon \$12,374.30

Washington \$6,916.55

**REGION X \$84,711.62**

Kentucky \$5,790.60

North Carolina \$4,791.00

Tennessee \$5,474.50

Virginia \$56,399.86

West Virginia \$12,255.66

**July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023**

**TOTAL \$293,547.22**

*Compiled by Olivia A. Williams (Un-Official Report)*