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

SUBJ: NARFE Region VIII Alzheimer’s Association Report for September 2024

As of the end of September, the NARFE fundraising total was \$16,347,656. During the month of September, our members raised a total of \$9,076, **down** \$8,191 from donations received in September 2023. The amount raised by Region VIII in FY 2025 is \$2,070 which is **down** \$2,130 from the same reporting period in FY 2024. Below is the breakout by Federation for both reporting periods:

	FY 2025	FY 2024	Difference
California	\$ 1,579	\$ 3,485	-\$ 1,906
Hawaii	\$ 80	\$ 315	-\$ 235
Nevada	\$ 411	\$ 400	\$ 11
Total	\$ 2,070	\$ 4,200	-\$ 2,130

Fiscal Year 2025 covers the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

The new NARFE Alzheimer’s Fundraising Goal is \$17 million by December 31, 2026.

Walk to End Alzheimer’s. The NARFE Goal for the 2024 Walks is \$100,000. To date, \$71,486 has been raised. Teams and team members can now register for the walk at 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. NARFE will be listed as one of the sponsors on the Alzheimer’s Walk banner. Please consider joining one of the following registered walk teams: California – Bakersfield, San Diego and Solano County; Hawaii – Oahu.

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Two research grants totaling \$311,250 were awarded during the September 4 – 5, 2024, Alzheimer's/NARFE National Committee Meeting. This information will appear in the December 2024 Issue of the NARFE.

NARFE funded research grants are awarded to the following:

1. Kelly Stauch, Ph.D., University of Nebraska Medical Center, (Omaha, Nebraska), \$200,000, fully funded over three years for her research on “The role of APOE4 in synaptic mitochondrial dysfunction.”

This study will look at how do genetic variations linked to Alzheimer's impact the energy centers in brain cell connections?

The apolipoprotein E (APOE) gene makes APOE protein, which is thought to help carry fats throughout the body. There appears to be several APOE gene variations, to include APOE-e2, APOE-e3 and APOE-e4. The studies also show that the possessing the APOE-e4 variant may increase the risk of developing Alzheimer's in some populations, while possessing APOE-e2 may offer some protection against Alzheimer's. The study will also look at the different variations of APOE may be associated with one's risk for dementia remains unclear.

2. Matheus Scarpato Rodrigues, Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania) \$111,250, Partial Sponsorship Funded over three years for his research in "the role of cholesterol metabolism to microglia reactivity and tau spreading".

In the preliminary studies, Dr. Matheus Scarpato Rodrigues and his colleagues have shown that the changes in the cholesterol metabolism can impact the activity of the microglia, the primary immune cells in the brain. Since it appears that the microglia activity is altered during the Alzheimer's progression, these findings suggest a link between cholesterol metabolism, microglia activity and Alzheimer's.

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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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