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Felician Village advocates for Alzheimer's research

MANITOWOC, Wis. (April 5, 2017) - Alzheimer's is an epidemic. It is the most expensive disease in America costing an estimated \$259 billion in 2017. By mid-century, the number of people with disease is set to triple. And, the costs are projected to more than quadruple to \$1.1 trillion with two-thirds of these costs paid by Medicare and Medicaid.

At Felician Village, we help increase awareness and inform our legislators of opportunities to devote resources that support better health, breakthroughs in prevention and effective treatment for the millions of families and caregivers who face Alzheimer's.

On March 7, Connie Thimmig, Director of Enrichment Services, was joined by over 130 Alzheimer's Association advocates who met with 80 Wisconsin legislators to ask them to continue support for the Dementia Care Specialists program. Currently, this program is not allotted any additional funds and will end at the end of this year.

On March 27-29, 35 Wisconsin advocates including Thimmig traveled to Washington, D.C. to join 1,300 others as part of the Alzheimer's Association's Advocacy Forum. On Wednesday, March 29, they convened on Capitol Hill meeting with our Senators and Representatives urging their support asking for an additional \$414 million in Alzheimer's research funding this next year!

"I am honored and proud to advocate on behalf of all that are affected by Alzheimer's. By increasing funding for research, we can change the trajectory of this disease, so I can see the first survivor of Alzheimer's," stated Thimmig.

It's not too late. Your voices can be added to theirs by simply writing or calling your Senator or Congressman. You can contact our local federal representative, Congressman Glenn Grothman, at his Fond du Lac office, 920.907.0624, through his website, <https://grothman.house.gov> or at the Town Hall Meeting scheduled at Felician Village on Tuesday, April 18 from 8:45-9:30 a.m.

About Felician Village

Felician Village, a continuing care campus, has been providing housing and services for seniors through rehabilitation, independent living, assisted living and long-term care for more than 125 years. Felician Village is a Catholic organization that welcomes people from all faiths.

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