

## Tips to Prevent Wandering

- Try to prevent restless periods by engaging the patient in activities prior to that time frame
- Keep doors locked and/or place locks at the top or bottom of the door
- Use loose fitting doorknob covers so the cover turns instead of the doorknob itself
- Place STOP, DO NOT ENTER, or CLOSED signs on the door or camouflage the door with scenic posters or wallpaper
- Place safety devices found in hardware stores to limit how much windows and sliding glass doors can be opened
- Install chimes on doors to announce when they are opened
- Secure the yard with a fence and locked gate
- Keep shoes, keys, suitcases, coats, hats and other signs of leaving out of sight
- Do not leave a person with Alzheimer's who has a history of wandering unattended.

## **Mission Statement**

The mission of Alzheimer's Community Care is to promote and provide specialized, quality and compassionate care within a community-based environment for patients and caregivers living with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

## Locations

### *Palm Beach County*

<b>Phyllis &amp; Julius Siegel Center</b> <b>Boca Raton</b> License #9252	561-391-6955
<b>Betty Kroll Center</b> <b>Delray Beach</b> License #9128	561-330-3541
<b>West Lake Worth</b> <b>Se Habla Español</b> License #8998	561-432-0668
<b>Lake Worth</b> <b>Se Habla Español</b> License #8852	561-585-7781
<b>West Palm Beach</b> License #8837	561-683-2700
<b>Palm Beach Gardens</b> License #8940	561-630-4724
<b>Leo &amp; Anne Albert Center</b> <b>Pahokee</b> License #9032	561-924-7283
<i>Martin County</i>	
<b>North Stuart</b> License #8928	772-692-6981
<i>St. Lucie County</i>	
<b>Ft. Pierce</b> License #9046	772-466-3261

**24-Hour Alzheimer's Crisis Line**  
**1-800-394-1771**

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## ID Locator Service



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## The Need for Safety and Security

There are an estimated 80,000 people with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders in Palm Beach, Martin and St. Lucie Counties, with 70% being cared for by family members in their homes. Sixty percent of these patients are at risk for wandering at some time during the disease process. Rescue time is critical as 46% of patients not found within 24-hours do not survive.

## What is the ID Locator Service?

Alzheimer's Community Care provides wrap-around services for patients at risk for wandering including the ID Locator Service. The ID Locator Service provides a safety tool for patients residing within Palm Beach, Martin, and St. Lucie counties. This service partners with local law enforcement agencies to assist the wandering patient.

Our Family Nurse Consultants are licensed Registered Nurses who identify patients with neurocognitive disorders who are appropriate for the service and who work closely with family caregiver's. Services include: ID Locator Bracelet (radio frequency transmitter), 24/7 Security and Safety access for patients and caregivers, dedicated Professional oversight and maintenance, team support from Family Nurse Consultants, Specialized Alzheimer's Day Service Program Managers and Case Management.

## How Does this Service Work?

The ID Locator Service utilizes radio frequency technology, unlike cellular and GPS technology, so a patient can be tracked within a mile radius. Tracking via radio frequency technology allows trained rescue personnel to track the patient through concrete buildings and shallow water. The transmitters, worn like a bracelet, are light, durable, and similar in size to a watch.

When a patient is fitted with his/her bracelet, the Project Manager ensures that each family receives proper education on the use and care of their bracelet, monitors the ongoing operation and condition of the bracelet, and schedules band and battery changes that may occur at one of Alzheimer's Community Care's Specialized Alzheimer's Day Service Centers.

**Thanks to generous support from community partners, there is no cost to enroll in this life-saving project.**



We place a safety net around patients and caregivers every day.™

## Testimonials

*"I am ever so grateful for that (ID Locator Service) because I have peace of mind knowing my loved one is safe." - Caregiver*

*"The equipment has not failed us yet. Typically, once we grab that signal, it's only minutes until they're in our protection." - Law Enforcement*

*"When someone goes missing, every second counts. The ID Locator Service works fast to save precious time and precious lives." - Law Enforcement*

*"This is at the top of the list as far as tools that we leverage within our department." - Law Enforcement*

*"It is through partnerships like this that allow for success stories such as the rescue of missing people at risk as a result of dementia, Alzheimer's and other cognitive conditions. SafetyNet by LoJack is proud to be associated with Alzheimer's Community Care and looks forward to continued success together." - Director, SafetyNet by LoJack.*

**For more information:**

**561-683-2700**

**[www.alzcare.org](http://www.alzcare.org)**

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## Ways You Can Give

*"Your money goes far, but not far away."*

**Mary M. Barnes, CEO & President**

Alzheimer's Community Care is dedicated to providing the highest level of care to Alzheimer's patients and their families. Your financial support is the life blood of our organization.

- At least **90 cents of every dollar** donated goes directly to Services and Resources
- Your gift may offer you or your employer some unique tax advantages
- Many corporations will match charitable donations to Alzheimer's Community Care
- Alzheimer's Community Care's online donation process is fast, easy and secure



*We advocate on behalf of Alzheimer's patients and their families during visits to the State Capitol in Tallahassee.*

## Your Gift Helps



- Provide batteries for ID Locator bracelets
- Ensure dignity and safety for patients and caregivers



- Provide comprehensive state-of-the-art training

- Ensure the 24-hour Alzheimer's Crisis Line is never answered by an automated recording



- Foster a compassionate environment for our free support groups



## Family Nurse Consultants

*Our Family Nurse Consultants are located in all of our service areas. After hours, please call our 24-hour Crisis Line at 800-394-1771.*

<b>Delray Beach</b>	561-381-0231
<b>Lake Worth</b>	561-432-0668
<b>Pahokee-Belle Glade</b>	561-324-7283
<b>Wellington</b>	561-331-6576
<b>West Palm Beach</b>	561-683-2700
<b>Martin County</b>	772-460-9166
<b>St. Lucie County</b>	772-223-6351



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## Why We Do What We Do



*"We believe everyone deserves access to specialists in neurocognitive disorders and to remain in the community with dignity, safety and care." **Mary M. Barnes***



*"For my wife Pat, the care she gets at your care and service centers is the only real medication that works."*

**Caregiver**

## Core Services

### Specialized Care and Service Centers

Our **10 centers**, located in Palm Beach, Martin and St. Lucie counties, provide patients with a caring and accepting environment that builds on their strengths and abilities. Patients also take part in numerous therapeutic exercises and activities.

### Family Nurse Consultants (FNCs)

**Services are free**, and our FNCs are Nurses who create custom care plans for caregivers and patients. They help caregivers and families identify needs, make decisions, access a broad spectrum of resources, and pursue the appropriate medical referrals.

### 24-Hour Alzheimer's Crisis Line 1-800-394-1771

This toll-free emergency number puts caregivers in touch with experienced and knowledgeable professionals who can help diffuse emergency situations.

**The number is available in any language, and your calls will always be answered by a live representative.**

## Core Services

### Professional and Community Education

We provide **training to caregivers and staff** who work in Adult Day Centers, Hospice, Long-term Care Institutions, and Assisted Living Facilities. Our Level I and Level II training is approved by multiple Professional Boards, including:

- Nursing and Certified Nursing Assistants
- Osteopathic Physicians
- Nursing Home Administrators
- Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapists & Mental Health Counselors
- Council of Dietetics and Nutrition
- Board of Dentistry

### Case Management

Our **experienced team of social workers** works closely with families to determine their individual needs and bring them together with other agencies that provide additional services and resources. Case Managers also offer much-needed guidance in helping families and caregivers successfully apply for financial assistance through government-funded entities.

For a complete list of services, please visit:

[www.alzcare.org](http://www.alzcare.org)

or call (561) 683-2700

