

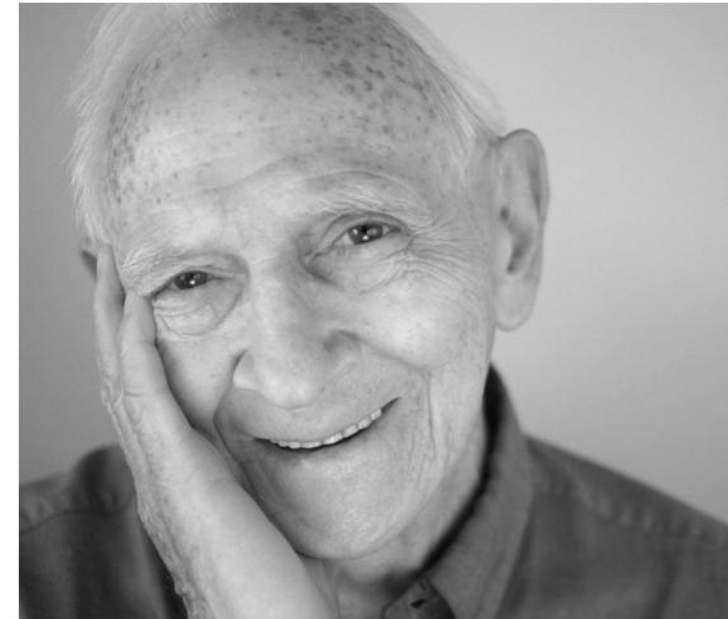
The mission of the Alzheimer's Association, New York City Chapter is to create and promote comprehensive and humane care of persons with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders, and to provide support for their families and professional caregivers. The Chapter meets this mission in the community through increasing public awareness, providing education, creating and encouraging replication of model programs, collaborating with research centers, and undertaking advocacy.



our mission

A photography exhibition

The inaugural photography exhibition opened in March 2008 and was made possible by a generous grant from The Caccappolo Family Foundation.



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“Photography displays a connection to life, regardless of age or disability.”

– Annie Levy, photographer



The incidence of Alzheimer’s disease in this country has increased 10 percent in the last five years alone. More than five million people in the United States have Alzheimer’s disease, five percent—over 200,000—reside in New York City. Without prevention or a cure, in less than 50 years, nearly 20 percent of the City’s population, or 1.6 million New Yorkers, will either have Alzheimer’s disease or be taking care of someone who does. These are the facts, the hard numbers that suggest that

Alzheimer’s disease is quickly becoming the leading public health care crisis of the 21st Century.

Over 12,000 people come to the New York City Chapter office each year to benefit from our many programs and services, which include care consultation, support groups, and education and training seminars. To depict the spirit of the lives of these people for whom we are a safety net and to put a human face on Alzheimer’s disease, the Chapter commissioned noted photographer, Annie Levy.

The exhibit of her portraits, which is on display in the lobby of the New York City Chapter office, is a rotating collection that captures the essence of those we serve. “Our Mission” serves as a reminder to all who visit the Chapter that there is a human dimension to Alzheimer’s disease.



For more information about the exhibit or to visit the Chapter office please contact Carol Beme at (646) 744-2905 or cberne@alnyc.org.

About the photographer

Annie Levy documents and brings to life the experiences and stories of ordinary people through the art of portraiture, with a special focus on the lives of older adults and those who care for them.

Examples of Ms. Levy’s work include her exhibit, AGELESS, the featured show at the United Nations for the 2003 International Celebration of Aging, a 2006 follow-up project to that seen both in NYC and Geneva, as well as work commissioned by The Frick Collection for their “Art of Observation” program.

Ms. Levy has spoken extensively on the subject of images and aging, including nationally at the American Society on Aging/National Council on Aging Conference. She holds her BFA from NYU School of the Arts.