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Alzheimer's research dramatically underfunded

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Dear Tony,

The Alzheimer's Association® is proud to have played a role in bringing the film "Still Alice" to life. The movie tells the story of a woman living with Alzheimer's disease, and Julianne Moore's performance has helped raise public awareness of this terrible disease — and also earned

Along with many other amazing women including Executive Producer Maria Shriver, book author Lisa Genova, and Co-Producer, I worked behind the scenes on the film. As the science consultant, I guided the screenwriter and director team on the science of Alzheimer's disease, **which is the sixth-leading cause of death in the United States — and the only cause of death among the top 10 th**

Despite these statistics, current federal funding for Alzheimer's disease research is only a third of what is needed to reach and effectively treat Alzheimer's by 2025.

The hope is that with the poignant portrayal of Alzheimer's disease, "Still Alice" will inspire more people to take an active role in care and support services to other families facing this devastating disease — and help advance research so that every fam

Thank you,

Maria Carrillo, Ph.D., Chief Science Officer
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