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Art imitates life in Oscar-nominated performance

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Dear Tony,

The Academy Awards are just two days away, and Julianne Moore has been nominated in the Best Actress category for her performance in "Still Alice." Regardless of who wins the Oscar, I am proud that "Still Alice" is bringing much-needed attention to Alzheimer's disease and the research funding that is so desperately needed.

The film tells the story of a college professor, wife and mother who learns she has younger-onset Alzheimer's disease. I worked directly with Julianne sharing my experiences with her, describing what it feels like to live with Alzheimer's disease. I was on set for the filming of "Still Alice" in New York City. It was a surreal day; I felt like I was watching my story unfold in front of me.

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**As you see in the film, Alzheimer's is the ultimate thief** — and no matter what our role, we all bring value to this cause. The film recognizes how powerful the voice of us living with the disease can be to raise awareness and influence this change.

Right now, you can do something to help fight Alzheimer's. **Your gift** will help advance critical research and provide care and support for those living with the disease.

Thank you for making a difference.

Sincerely,  
Sandy Oltz  
Alzheimer's Association National Early-Stage Advisory Group Member

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