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Subject: In honor of our founder

Mr. Jerome H. Stone

Dear Tony,

I write to you today to share some sad news. On January 1, the Alzheimer's Association lost our founder and friend, Mr. Jerome H. Stone. He was 101 years old. Mr. Stone was not only a longtime board member, volunteer and advocate, but also a philanthropist who led by example and believed deeply in giving to transform our cause.

Mr. Stone was a true visionary in the Alzheimer's movement. When his wife, Evelyn, was diagnosed with the disease in 1970, he recognized the need for an organization that would unite caregivers, provide support to those facing Alzheimer's and advance research into the disease. His drive and determination led to the creation of the Alzheimer's Association in 1979.

In no small way, Mr. Stone is responsible for where we are today in the fight against Alzheimer's. He took a disease that was largely cloaked in silence and helped to create a national — and global — conversation. He gave those affected by the disease an outlet to take action and create change.

To honor Mr. Stone and continue his legacy, we must press forward to achieve our vision of a world without Alzheimer's disease. If you would like to share any personal expressions of gratitude with Mr. Stone's family, please visit our [online tribute page](#).

Sincerely,

Harry Johns
President and CEO
Alzheimer's Association

The [Alzheimer's Association](#) is the world's leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support and research. Our mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. Our vision is a world without Alzheimer's disease®.

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