

Helping Those Who May Forget Their Way

Alzheimer's is a form of dementia that affects many people today. It is a disease that affects one's thinking, memory, and behavior. Unfortunately my grandpa happens to suffer from it. Although it is lucky that he is not in the worst stages of Alzheimer's, and has the ability to remember everyone in my family, nevertheless he has complications. More help should be given to people with Alzheimer's disease because I hate hearing on the news that an elderly person suffering from it has left home and there is a frantic search for him or her. The worst part is when they are unable to find this missing person because the person with Alzheimer's does not remember how to get home, where they are, or how they got there.

One of the unfortunate occurrences is that a person with Alzheimer's leaves home, but because of the disease does not know how to get home and does not have any form of communication with family members if they are left alone at home. One way to help Alzheimer's patients return home to their concerned family members faster is to have a bracelet that could track the Alzheimer's patient and let people know that this person has Alzheimer's. If an alert goes out about a missing person, this special bracelet could help the family find their missing family member faster or help people take notice of an Alzheimer's patient who is potentially lost. Another way to help Alzheimer's patients could be to create a bus service to transport them to and from places. This transportation would allow the Alzheimer's patients to get out of the house under supervision instead of sitting in the house with nothing to do, and getting frustrated because they may be bored or just want some fresh air.

Funding for these two projects could come from the Clarence T. C. Ching Foundation because Ching believed in helping those in need and even helped to open the St. Francis Hospital. By helping to open the St. Francis Hospital, Ching supported care for those with illnesses and injuries, and funding these two projects would become another aspect in helping those with illnesses.

With the help of the Clarence T. C. Ching Foundation the people in the islands with Alzheimer's disease, and the family members who take care of them, will be given a helping hand. The bracelet will allow family members to know that there is another way to keep track of their family member with Alzheimer's when they are gone at work. The transportation service will allow the person with Alzheimer's to enjoy life and not be confined to a room.

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