



September 30, 2021

Dear Caregiver's, Community Partners and Supporters,

It is with a heavy heart that the Alzheimer's Family Organization Board of Directors has made the very difficult decision to close the organization after 23 years of services. The organization has faithfully served, Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Lake, Marion, Pasco, Pinellas and Sumter County caregivers and the community at large with free services and programs with dedication and a true commitment to the mission and vision it set forth with in 1999.

The AFO has had a huge impact for caregivers walking the journey of Alzheimer's disease and dementia, providing them with many services and supported them with the care and compassion needed for this difficult task. The Executive Director and staff have been committed to the community and the caregivers, both professional and family/friends walking this journey.

The pandemic has had a severe impact on the organizations ability to successfully bring in enough funds through donations and fundraising to keep the doors open. Every step has been made over the past few years to reduce spending and remain visible in the community. As the organization is solely funded by donations, fundraising, memberships and small grants, the climate the pandemic has created has made it virtually impossible to sustain the AFO. There are no government funding sources available for the services provided.

With that said, the AFO has much to celebrate in the accomplishments made over the 23 years it has been serving the community. The website will show contact information for caregivers and the community for resources that may assist them as they move forward in their voyage.

Thank you to all those that have supported this organization either financially, volunteering, or in any other way that has made the organization a success. On behalf of the Executive Director, the staff, and the Board of Directors, THANK YOU FOR A GREAT 23 YEARS!

Be safe!

Sincerely,

Sharon Doncourt, Board President
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