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**ALZHEIMER'S FOUNDATION OF AMERICA AWARDS SANTA
MONICA ORGANIZATION \$5,000 RESPITE CARE GRANT**

NEW YORK (January 18, 2017) — The Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA), a non-profit organization that unites more than 2,600 member organizations nationwide with the goal of providing optimal care and services to individuals living with dementia and their families, has awarded a \$5,000 Respite Care Grant to WISE & Healthy Aging, a non-profit organization headquartered in Santa Monica, Calif.

“The Fall 2017 Respite Care Grants are awarded to nonprofit member organizations who play an instrumental role in helping families get the respite care that they need,” said Charles J. Fuschillo, Jr., AFA’s president and chief executive officer. “As costs of caring for a loved one with dementia continue to soar, this much needed relief can go a long way towards maintaining the physical and emotional wellbeing of caregivers. We are proud to help WISE & Healthy Aging further its efforts in serving the people of Los Angeles County as they will disperse the funds to families in their community, caring for a loved one with Alzheimer’s disease, to give them a much-needed break.”

Grace Cheng Braun, President and CEO for WISE & Healthy Aging, said “We are grateful to be recognized by the AFA with this grant which will help us serve those in our community of very limited financial means in accessing much needed adult day care programming.”

WISE & Healthy Aging is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the independence, dignity, and quality of life of older adults. They have an on-site adult day care program that is the only state-designated Alzheimer's Day Care Resource Center on the Los Angeles Westside. In addition to caregiver support and nationally-recognized evidence-based caregiver training for family and working caregivers, the community-based social services organization is a one-stop trusted source for the community with financial and legal clinics, mental health services, a peer counseling program, homecare, care management and other services for seniors and their families. They provide one of the only safe settings in the area where people with moderate to severe stages of dementia can be served in a community-based setting. Their Somos Amigos (We are Friends) program meets the demand for Spanish-language adult day care programming. It provides much-needed respite for caregivers. The program also designs activities to help clients remain active and connected to the larger community. More information on the programming at WISE & Healthy Aging can be found at www.wiseandhealthyaging.org and by calling (310) 394-9871.

AFA is able to provide vital services, like this grant, as a result of the generosity of individual contributions, sponsorships and fundraising activities. To help support these initiatives, visit <http://www.alzfdn.org/Donation-Page/donate-to-find-a-cure-for-alzheimers-disease.html>. For more information about AFA membership and grant opportunities, visit <http://www.alzfdn.org/AFAServices/aboutAFAGrants.html>.

About Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA):

The Alzheimer's Foundation of America, based in New York, is a non-profit organization that unites more than 2,600 member organizations nationwide in the goal of providing optimal care and services to individuals living with dementia, and to their caregivers and families. Its services include a national, toll-free helpline (866-232-8484) staffed by licensed social workers, educational conferences and materials, a free quarterly magazine for caregivers, the National Memory Screening Program, and "AFA Partners in Care" dementia care training for healthcare professionals. For more information about AFA, call 866-232-8484, visit www.alzfdn.org, follow us on [Twitter](#), or connect with us on [Facebook](#) or [LinkedIn](#).