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## FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS

# Widower donates grant money to support LGBT Alzheimer's fund

Greg Moore lost his partner Richard to Alzheimer's disease last summer. They had been together for 49 years.

As primary caregiver, Greg learned through an exhausting and painful experience that there are not many LGBT-friendly programs in place to help.

So as a legacy to honor Richard, Greg recently donated a grant to Our Fund, South Florida's only LGBT community foundation, that was used to form a new partnership with the

Alzheimer's Association of Southeast Florida.

David Jobin, president and CEO of Our Fund Foundation, said the grant is going toward "needs assessment and new programs to assist LGBT adults with Alzheimer's."

Diversity and inclusion are now part of the Alzheimer's Association's mission, Jobin said. He is hoping South Florida will serve as a model for the best practices to be launched nationally.

"There's currently a

generation of LGBT seniors who might be considered elder orphans. Many did not expect to live as long as they have or planned to care for an aging partner with dementia. Their reality often is very different from that of heterosexual couples dealing with Alzheimer's," Jobin said.

At the 2018 Alzheimer's Association International Conference in Chicago in July, researchers at the University of California released new data from a

study of aging LGBT adults. It provides "the first dementia prevalence data from a large population of lesbian, gay and bisexual older adults."

"While the LGBT community faces many of the same age-related health challenges as everyone else, those who are diagnosed with Alzheimer's often have additional obstacles to overcome," Jobin said. "They are more likely to be unmarried and live alone, and far less likely to have children. For heterosexuals, children often are the ones who notice early signs of dementia in their parents and arrange for their care."

Situations also can become worse because many who are suffering with Alzheimer's are more likely to delay reaching out for help because of the dual stigma of being LGBT and having dementia. This leads to isolation and more health problems.

Fort Lauderdale resident Greg Moore found very few resources to help him take care of Richard.

He found a lack of support groups for LGBT caregivers, and few LGBT-friendly senior living facilities and medical support staff trained in cultural competency.

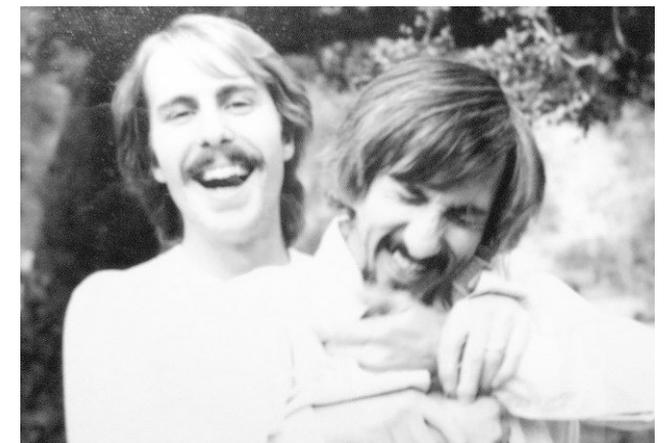
Our Fund is making great strides to change this, especially with its new alliance with the Alzheimer's Association through the Moore grant.

"Together, we've developed a variety of solutions for adults with Alzheimer's



Photos provided to the Miami Herald

Greg and Richard Moore were together for almost 50 years, and Greg cared for Richard until his death from Alzheimer's complications.



Greg and Richard Moore early in their relationship.

and vital support for caregivers," Jobin said. "In early 2019, we will introduce the very first LGBT community support group in South Florida where caregivers and people afflicted with Alzheimer's disease can find comfort, speak freely and connect

with the resources they need."

"The first step in our action plan is the training of knowledgeable support group facilitators who are sensitive to the pressing needs of caregivers and patients alike, including challenges that are unique

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#### NOTICE OF A FIFTEEN DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD DRAFT CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER)

DECEMBER 13, 2018 TO DECEMBER 28, 2018

The City of Miami Beach is making available the draft Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for Fiscal Year 2017 for public review. The CAPER reports on the use of Federal funds received by the City of Miami Beach from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Citizens are encouraged to review the draft which will be submitted to HUD on or before December 30, 2018.

The draft CAPER will be available for review at the City Clerk's Office and the City's Office of Housing and Community Services. For more information on the CAPER, contact the Office of Housing and Community Services at (305) 673-7260.

The Office of Housing and Community Services will accept comments on the draft CAPER during a 15-day comment period beginning December 13, 2018 and ending on December 28, 2018. Written comments may be submitted to:

City of Miami Beach  
Office of Housing and Community Services  
1700 Convention Center Drive  
Miami Beach, Florida 33139

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