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To: Funding Recommendation Staff

The Adult Care connection program administrated through the Alzheimer's Association Central and Western Kansas office has served over 400 people in the 1st 6 mo. of 2006.

In an effort to reach out to other populations, we are currently working with La Familia and St Mark's congregation to educate those diverse families. Currently, we are also working with Via Christi St Francis to make hospital stays better for dementia people and the staff that cares for them.

Now, as the Alzheimer's Association of Central and Western Kansas we are trying to find new ways to reach out to our community to inform and make one on one contacts to help each families individual needs.

In order to serve more people we need help from you.

In 2006 the mill levy was \$12,911.

Often we have an entire family come to the office and spend 1.5-2 hr to discuss a plan of care and resources in the community. We have increased the number of home visits and with the increase in gas prices these visits are becoming more costly.

Many families receive information at different stages of the disease. We are constantly trying to make contacts for heath and community fairs so families become aware of our services. But paper, postage, and copies all add to our expenses and also a make it difficult to grow and do more.

We are hearing from more and more families with early onset (under 60) , because our diagnostic tests are improving but medications to prevent or cure are still nonexistent! What we offer families is a listening ear, practical tips to help with the daily symptoms of Alzheimer's and related dementia, and resources in Sedgwick County to help them.

Please help us to help them. Staff recommendation for 2007 is \$11,411.00. We ask that you consider reinstating our mill levy to at least the \$12,911, the 2006 level.

Thanks for your time,

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