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**Foundation and Association Leaders Announce Grant to Support
Statewide Plan for Alzheimer's Disease**

*Newly funded collaborative effort seeks to prepare the State for the expected
tripling of Californians living with Alzheimer's disease*

Long Beach, Calif. –The SCAN Foundation, Alzheimer's Association, California Endowment, Archstone Foundation and The Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Foundation announced today a jointly funded collaboration created to enable California to prepare for the impending epidemic of Californians living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

Demographic researchers estimate that by 2030 the number of Californians living with Alzheimer's disease will double while tripling among Latinos and Asian/Pacific Islanders in this time period. By 2050 Alzheimer's will triple among Californians overall. Currently there are more than 588,000 Californians living with Alzheimer's and statistics show that these individuals are very costly to the State's health care system.

This \$285,000 collaborative project to develop a state plan for Alzheimer's disease will be guided by a public-private partnership involving the Alzheimer's Association, California Council and the State of California Health and Human Services Agency's Alzheimer's Advisory Committee.

It's been more than 22 years since the State developed a comprehensive assessment of policies and practices for people living with Alzheimer's disease and other dementia disorders and made recommendations for addressing their needs--yet 95 percent of what we know about the disease has been discovered in the last 20 years. Not only have more treatment options become available and diagnostic practices improved, but the long-term care landscape has changed dramatically to include alternatives to nursing homes. As little as 10 years ago, people were likely not to be diagnosed until the middle

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or late state of Alzheimer's disease and nursing home placement was the most likely outcome.

“As the baby boomer generation ages we will see increasing numbers of individuals needing diagnosis and care for Alzheimer's and related diseases. This will have a significant impact on California families, caregivers and the long-term care system,” said Kimberly Belshé, Secretary of the California Health and Human Services Agency. “A statewide plan for Alzheimer's is an important next step in California's on-going efforts to better understand and treat Alzheimer's through research, education and service delivery. I am very pleased that leaders in the health community are making this critical issue a priority. We look forward to working together to develop a comprehensive set of recommendations to address the future of Alzheimer's diagnosis and care in California.”

The partnership will convene statewide leaders and aging and health stakeholders from the public and private sectors, develop recommendations for effective short- and long-range strategies and delivery systems, and inform state policymakers as they develop policy to address these concerns and ultimately improve outcomes for Californians and their families living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

The SCAN Foundation, the only foundation in the U.S. exclusively devoted to long-term care, supports innovative program models that keep seniors living independently and with dignity, and works to develop programmatic and policy-oriented recommendations and solutions that will support the needs of seniors and influence public policy to improve the current system.

ABOUT THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

The Alzheimer's Association is the premier source of information, support and training for families living with Alzheimer's and for health care professionals. It is the largest private funder of Alzheimer's research. The Association established the California Council in 1986 to represent the California Chapters and families living with Alzheimer's in state policy decisions by the Legislature and the Administration. For more information about the Alzheimer's Association, visit www.caalz.org.

ABOUT THE CALIFORNIA ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION

The California Endowment, a private, statewide health foundation, was established in 1996 to expand access to affordable, quality health care for underserved individuals and communities, and to promote fundamental improvements in the health status of all Californians. The Endowment makes grants to organizations and institutions that directly benefit the health and well-being of the people of California. To date, The Endowment has awarded nearly 11,000 grants across California totaling more than \$1.9 billion. For more information about The Endowment, visit www.calendow.org.

ABOUT THE SCAN FOUNDATION

The SCAN Foundation is an independent nonprofit foundation dedicated to advancing the development of a sustainable continuum of quality care for seniors that integrates medical treatment and human services in the settings most appropriate to their needs and with the greatest likelihood of a healthy, independent life. The SCAN Foundation supports programs that stimulate public engagement, develop realistic public policy and financing options, and disseminate promising care models and technologies. For more information about The SCAN Foundation, visit www.thescanfoundation.org.

ABOUT THE ARCHSTONE FOUNDATION

Established in 1986, Archstone Foundation is a private, non-profit foundation whose mission is to prepare society for the growing needs of an aging society. Under the leadership of President and CEO Joseph F. Prevratil, J.D., Archstone awards approximately \$5 million annually. The Archstone Foundation's funding priorities include addressing elder abuse and neglect, palliative and spiritual care at the end of life, fall prevention, and responding emerging needs among the elderly. For more information about the Archstone Foundation, visit www.archstone.org.

ABOUT THE ROSALINDE AND ARTHUR GILBERT FOUNDATION

The mission of The Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Foundation is to invest in programs that promote education, tolerance, social services, healthcare and the arts. The Foundation builds on the ideals and pursuits of its founders, Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert. In addition, The Foundation funds Arts Education & Culture in Los Angeles, Jewish programs in Los Angeles, and universities in California. In the area of Alzheimer's disease, The Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Foundation focuses its grant-making on the advancement of research by junior investigators in the United States and Israel and investments in Alzheimer's disease caregiving. For more information about the Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Foundation, visit <http://www.thegilbertfoundation.org>.

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