



MASSACHUSETTS
Alzheimer's Disease
Research Center



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Center for Alzheimer Research and Treatment

Volunteer Program

The Massachusetts Alzheimer's Disease Research Center (MADRC) and the Center for Alzheimer Research and Treatment (CART) are supported by a volunteer program.

What is the MADRC/CART Volunteer Program?

The MADRC/CART Volunteer Program is made up of community members who would like to support the work of MADRC and CART and advance research in the area of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

Who can become a volunteer?

MADRC/CART volunteers share a common interest, identity, history, language, or culture with the groups they represent. They may have an interest in public speaking, presenting information at a community forum, attending a community meeting, or performing an assortment of clerical or operational duties.

How do I become a volunteer?

Talk to a member of our team about volunteer opportunities and they will connect you to the program administrator:

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Why does the Volunteer Program exist?

This volunteer program provides support to the Outreach, Recruitment, and Engagement (ORE) team to build community partnerships, educate on the importance of early diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease, prevention and research participation. The MADRC/CART volunteers help to provide an opportunity for community members to learn from others in their community. The ORE team is looking for volunteers from all communities to support the ORE team in a variety of ways, but has a special need for members of the Black and Hispanic communities to join us in supporting outreach efforts.

Clinical trials are crucial to developing new therapies and treatment strategies. It is not possible for medical science to advance without comparing new treatments against existing treatments. Despite the importance of clinical trials, the majority who participate are white, younger than 65 years old and of a higher socioeconomic status.

This lack of diversity is unacceptable when evaluating new treatments, in part because Blacks and Hispanics are affected with Alzheimer's disease at rates far higher than in the white population. Different racial and ethnic groups experience disease and respond to treatments differently. There is a greater need for research studies and clinical trials for drugs to reflect the populations who use them.

What will be expected of you?

MADRC/CART volunteers are paired with members of the Outreach, Recruitment and Engagement (ORE) team. A MADRC/CART volunteer may be involved in one or more of the following activities depending on level of interest:

1. Support MADRC/CART ORE team at outreach events
2. Speak to community members about educational programs, resources and research participation
3. Review materials designed for research and offer their opinion
4. Provide feedback for programming designed to support research participants from diverse communities
5. Help with photo copying and assembling program materials
6. Miscellaneous duties

How much of a time commitment does this involve?

Attending a meeting annually and speaking at programs as available.

Is there a reimbursement for my time?

No, this is a volunteer activity.

“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.”

-- Elizabeth Andrew