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A Message from our Co-Founders Kristine Allen & Cary Lopez

Dear Friends,

On behalf of our Board of Trustees, our Gala Committee, and the entire staff at Act Now Foundation, we would like to thank you for attending our 5th Annual Music & Memories Gala.

Our mission has always been clear: to provide unwavering support to those affected; and strive relentlessly towards a world without dementia. Together, we have made significant strides. Yet, the battle is far from won.

We implore each of you to stand with us tonight in this fight. Whether you're a donor, a volunteer, a caregiver, or someone who has been touched by dementia, your role is crucial, and your dedication fuels our progress.

We are at a pivotal moment. By banding together, we can turn the tide against dementia. Each action, no matter how small, is a step closer to a world where this disease no longer robs individuals of their memories and dignity.

Tonight, we SHINE a light on dementia in hopes of raising awareness about a disease that affects us all.

Tonight's proceeds will benefit Act Now Foundation's programs and services that support, educate, screen, and advocate for families who are living and struggling with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias.

I urge you to join us in our unwavering commitment to defeat Alzheimer's. Together, let's create a future where families are no longer burdened by this devastating illness.

Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication. Together, we are making a difference.



Kristine Allen
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A Message from Gala Committee Chair Renee Bettinger



Dear Friends of Act Now Foundation:

It is my honor and privilege again to Chair the 5th Annual Music & Memories Gala to benefit the life changing work of Act Now Foundation. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the entire committee for their hard work, enthusiasm, and dedication in making this event a success.

My personal thanks to Kristine Allen and Cary Lopez for their motivating force to advocate and educate all of us on Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias. I personally have experienced their countless hours in providing emotional support to all the caregivers in our time of need. Act Now Foundation is not just comprised of these two selfless women. They are blessed with an amazing group that includes Stacy Hutsell, Jessica Vega-Conza, Nalaevy Ortiz, Alba Sepulveda, Ellen Gelber, Linda Lembo & Vivian Matias, as well as many volunteers and interns who donate their time.

Finally, amidst the glamour and celebration, I'd like to thank all of our sponsors, donors and guests. Please relish the knowledge that you are not just a spectator, but a crucial part in making this fundraiser a success. Thank you for being the driving force behind our collective journey towards a brighter, more compassionate future.

So tonight, we celebrate your generosity and the impact magnified by your selfless giving. Now enjoy the music to make wonderful memories of your own!

Sincerely,

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Renee Bettinger, Gala Chairperson



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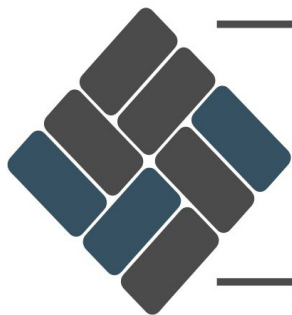
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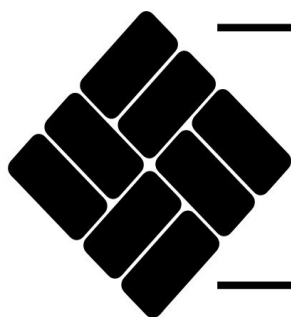
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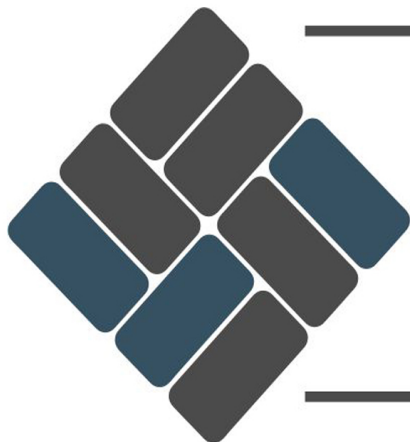
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Our mission is to improve the quality of life of those suffering from Alzheimer's disease & related dementias and those that care for them – our Dementia Care Heroes!

To be successful in this we listen closely to the concerns of our clients and community partners and design programs based on specific needs. Daily interaction with local seniors and caregiver's is the basis for Act Now Foundations programming.

Our Board reviews findings and prioritizes recommendations based on our field discoveries and Community Needs Assessment and includes the following programs:

- Evaluations Testing and Early Diagnosis
- Long-Term Care Planning
- Support Groups
- Crisis Management
- Care Coordination
- Educational Workshops for Family Caregivers
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- Diversity & Outreach Programs
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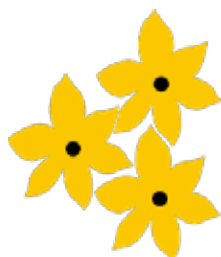
In the symphony of our Music & Memories Gala, we take a moment to honor extraordinary individuals whose unwavering commitment has resonated far beyond the notes of our melodies. Tonight, we celebrate these distinguished advocates who have become beacons of hope in the relentless fight against dementia. These surprise honorees embody the spirit of our Music & Memories Gala through their dedication, passion, and commitment to our cause.

Tonight, we express our deepest gratitude for their unwavering commitment to creating a world where dementia is met with compassion, awareness, and effective support. As we unveil these surprise advocates, we celebrate not only their dedication but also the unexpected pathways through which they've contributed to the fight against dementia.

Let us join in expressing our heartfelt gratitude for their dedication and support, enriching the tapestry of our Music & Memories Gala and leaving an indelible mark on our hearts. May their unexpected journeys inspire us to continue the fight with renewed vigor, creating a world where compassion and understanding prevail.”

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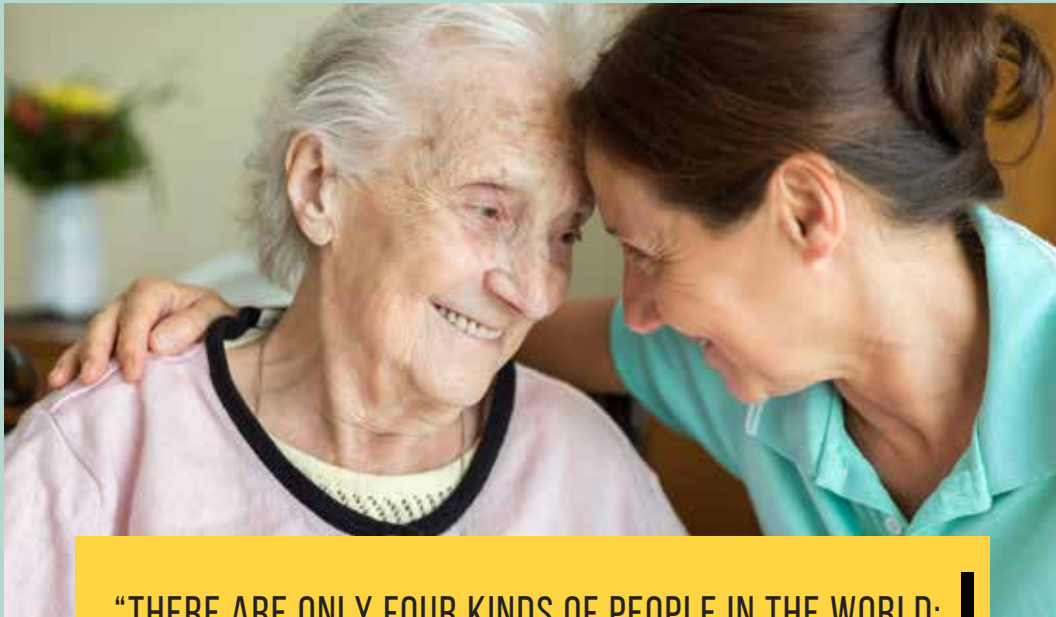
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