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Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center, Inc. Recognizes World Alzheimer's Month

BAY SHORE, NY — September is World Alzheimer's Month. In recognition of this worldwide initiative to raise awareness for the disease, [Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center, Inc.](http://www.adrcinc.org) (ADRC) is encouraging everyone to learn to spot the signs of dementia, while keeping loved ones in mind who battle or have lost the fight with this disease each day.

Alzheimer's disease is a degenerative brain disease and is the most common cause of dementia. The neurological disease affects an individual's ability to perform everyday tasks. This decline is the result of damage to the areas of the brain involved in cognitive function.

Nearly 44 million people worldwide have Alzheimer's or a related dementia. Only one in four people with Alzheimer's have been diagnosed. The cost of caring for Alzheimer's patients in the world has risen to \$605 billion. The social, emotional and financial toll can weigh heavy on Alzheimer's disease victims and their families.

In an effort to increase detection rates and avoid further life burdens, ADRC is asking everyone to participate in the [AMARANTH Study](http://www.adrcinc.org/amaranth). This clinical research study is targeted to men and women between the ages of 55 and 85 who are experiencing gradual and progressive change in memory function over the last six months. The voluntary study will evaluate the safety and effectiveness of an investigational drug in slowing down the progression of Alzheimer's disease

To determine if individuals qualify for the clinical research study, they must undergo a pre-qualification screener. The results of the pre-qualification will determine if the person may be referred to a local center to discuss the study in further detail.

For additional information on ADRC, please contact Mary Ann Malack-Ragona, Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer, at (631) 820-8068 or visit www.adrcinc.org.

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[Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center, Inc.](http://www.adrcinc.org) — which is headquartered in Bay Shore and has a satellite office in Southampton — is the only local Alzheimer's Disease advocacy and educational facility whose mission is to fund local research and provide hands-on support and services to families on Long Island and the New York metropolitan area. ADRC works with family members, health care professionals and researchers to ensure quality health care and support to those impacted by Alzheimer's disease through care and consultation, information and referral, training, support groups, and caregiver safety products.