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Rosalinde Gilbert Innovations in Alzheimer's Disease *Caregiving Legacy Awards*

GENERAL INFORMATION

Bestowed with a grant from The Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Foundation, Family Caregiver Alliance (FCA) is pleased to oversee the first annual *Rosalinde Gilbert Innovations in Alzheimer's Disease Caregiving Legacy Awards* program.

Award Background:

In the past two years The Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Foundation undertook a review of issues facing caregivers of adults with Alzheimer's disease. In June 2007, the Foundation published an expert panel discussion report [*Strengthening Caregiving for Alzheimer's Disease*](#) that outlined promising practices, research recommendations and key principles for caregiver support. It is against this backdrop that *The Rosalinde Gilbert Innovations in Alzheimer's Disease Caregiver Legacy Award* was initiated. It is intended to promote those principles and stimulate innovation in the field of Alzheimer's caregiving by recognizing and rewarding those efforts which lead the way in addressing the needs of Alzheimer's caregivers. 2008 is the first year of the award program which is envisioned to be an annual affair.

Award Details:

Three awards of \$20,000 each will be awarded to nonprofit organizations, government agencies or universities responding to a community need with a program or project which focuses primarily on family caregivers of adults with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. One award will be granted in each of these categories:

- 1. Creative Expression:** This award will go to programs or projects that use imaginative and creative approaches in supporting informal caregivers or persons with dementia. Some examples are programs or projects using art, music, theatre, journaling, multi-media (e.g. film, documentary, radio) or other types of creative expression.
- 2. Diverse/Multicultural Communities:** This award will go to programs or projects that provide services, support or other types of outreach to informal caregivers in diverse ethnic, rural, low income and LGBT or other communities.
- 3. Policy and Advocacy:** This award will go to programs or projects that advocate for systems change for the benefit of informal caregivers or care recipients with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias. These efforts could focus on legislation, executive or administrative changes, advocacy campaigns, or any other action to strengthen the public or private sector's recognition and support of informal caregivers.

Award Timeline:

Online applications will be available on June 16, 2008 on the Family Caregiver Alliance website at www.caregiver.org. The closing deadline is 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time August 15, 2008. Award announcements will be made in November 2008. Awardees will be honored at a reception hosted by Family Caregiver Alliance at a date and time to be determined. They will also be invited to present information about their winning programs/ projects at a national conference. Travel stipends will be available for the conference.

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. Visit <http://www.thegilbertfoundation.org> for more information.

Family Caregiver Alliance

Established in 1977, the Family Caregiver Alliance (FCA) supports and assists caregivers through education, services, research and advocacy. FCA programs support and sustain the important work of families and friends caring for loved ones with chronic, disabling health conditions. The National Center on Caregiving, established at FCA in 2001, is working to advance the development of high quality cost-effective policies and programs for caregivers in every state of the country. Visit www.caregiver.org or call (800) 445-8106 for more information.

Eligibility and Submission Conditions:

- Nonprofit organizations, government agencies and universities responding to a community need with a program/project that focuses primarily on family or informal caregivers of adults with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias are eligible to apply. Family or informal caregivers are unpaid caregivers. The term includes family members, friends, domestic partners and neighbors. Support for family caregivers need not be the primary mission of the organization, agency or university.
 - Nonprofit applicants must submit proof of their 501(c) (3) status or other nonprofit status by attaching a copy of their nonprofit designation letter to their application. For-profit entities are not eligible to apply.
- The nominated program/project has to have been active during the calendar year of 2007 and/or 2008. If the program/project involves a major culminating event, that event must have occurred prior to application deadline.
- The applicant or other designated program /project representatives must be willing to share information about their program with others, including a potential workshop presentation at a national professional conference and writing up additional information to appear on FCA's website and/or future publication. Award winners may also be asked to provide information about how the award was used to further advance the mission of the organization, agency, or university.
- Application must be received by the deadline of 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, August 15, 2008.
- Applicants must apply electronically using the designated online system.

- Applicants must designate the category in which they would like to be considered. Applicants are competing only against others within their chosen category. If the judges feel that the applicant would be better suited for another category, they will contact the applicant directly.

Review Process:

Applications will contain a series of questions about the project/ program being nominated. These questions will correspond to the four major areas on which programs/projects will be judged. These are:

- ***Rationale/Purpose*** – Did the project or program address a real need in the community?
- ***Innovation*** – Was the project or program innovative or unique by responding to an unmet need, building on prior research, adapting an existing program in a new way or incorporating innovative collaborations?
- ***Impact*** – Did the project or program have an impact in the community and how was success assessed?
- ***Replication/Dissemination*** – Does this project or program have the potential to be replicated, can it have a continued use through dissemination, were there successful elements or lessons learned that can serve as a guide for others attempting to achieve a similar goal?

Each category will be weighed equally. Applicants should follow the online application instructions in preparing a succinct description of their submitted program/project. Finalists may be contacted to provide additional information or materials. Expert judges will objectively assess and score applications. Final recommendations will be made to The Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Foundation.

We are now accepting applications! Visit the [2008 Application](#) to apply online. FCA will only accept online applications.

If you need assistance with your application, visit the [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#).