

THANK YOU BETTY...

AND THANK YOU FOR ALL THE WORK YOU DO.

GOOD MORNING, IT'S A PLEASURE TO BE HERE WITH YOU TO TAKE ON AND RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT HOW ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AFFECTS OUR LOVED ONES.

STATISTICS SHOW THAT IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA, A LITTLE OVER 450,000 INDIVIDUALS ARE LIVING WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE.

THIS NUMBER IS EXPECTED TO RISE TO OVER HALF A MILLION PEOPLE BY 2020.

THIS IS GROWING AT A RATE OF MORE THAN 20 PERCENT EVERY 10 YEARS.

BUT THESE ARE MORE THAN JUST NUMBERS.

IT'S OUR PARENTS, AND GRANDPARENTS. IT AFFECTS US ALL.

I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN COMMITTED TO HELPING OUR ELDER POPULATION. AND THIS IS ONE OF THE REASONS I AM PLEASED TO HAVE YOU ALL HERE TODAY.

IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE RECOGNIZE WHEN ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE SETS IN.

WE ALL NEED TO KNOW AND SHARE THE TOP TEN SIGNS OF ALZHEIMER'S.

AND ALONG WITH THE MANY EFFORTS FROM ALL OUR DEPARTMENTS HERE IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY...

YOU HAVE MY PLEDGE THAT WE WILL ALWAYS DO WHAT WE CAN TO HELP LESSEN THE EFFECTS OF THIS DEALY DISEASE.

I WANT TO ESPECIALLY WELCOME MATHEW BAUMGART WHO WORKS WITH THE NATIONAL ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION IN WASHINGTON D.C.

MATHEW WILL TALK ABOUT SOME OF THE TOOLS AND RESOURCES FOR DEVELOPING AWARENESS ABOUT ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE...

AND HE'LL SHARE EARLY DETECTION STRATEGIES FOR THE DIVERSE POPULATION OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY.

THANK YOU MATHEW...

AND THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FOR JOINING US IN  
THE FIGHT AGAINST ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE.

