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PROJECT LIFESAVER of Palm Beach County

Autism Project of Palm Beach County
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Alzheimer's Association
Southeast Florida Chapter
Alzheimer's Community Care
Mae Volen Senior Center
Autism Speaks
Renaissance Learning Center
Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
New Day Adult Day Center
Palms West Presbyterian Church

*Educational and community awareness
programs have been a cornerstone to
Project Lifesaver's success.*

*Project Lifesaver Management &
Volunteers are active in presenting
information to civic groups, law
enforcement agencies and various
health care providers throughout the
community and the nation.*

Donations may be sent to:

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***A Public Safety
Program Designed
to Protect and Locate
Missing Persons Due to Wandering***

Alzheimer's Autism
Dementia
Developmental Disorders



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Project Lifesaver was established in April of 1999 as an initiative of the 43rd Search and Rescue Company of the Chesapeake Sheriff's Office. Project Lifesaver's mission is to use state of the art technology in assisting those who care for victims of Alzheimer's and other Related Mental Dysfunction Disorders (ARMD) and victims who become lost. These victims include the elderly and even the youngest in our community who are afflicted with dementia, autism or developmental disorders. There are no boundaries – no one is immune!

The Project Lifesaver program places personalized radio transmitters on identified persons with ARMD who may wander away from the safety of their homes. These transmitters assist caregivers and local emergency agencies in locating those who cannot help themselves.

Project Lifesaver of Palm Beach County formed a committee in late 2006 with FAU/CARD's Dr. Jack Scott identifying the initial need for the area. The committee was formed with both the autism and Alzheimer's community represented along with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office as the lead public safety agency.

In 2007, the Autism Project of Palm Beach County was selected as the lead agency to seek funding, and training began in October, 2007. The committee quickly realized since Palm Beach County is the largest county east of the Mississippi River that it needed to focus on the management of the lifesaving wristbands.



The wristbands require monthly maintenance including a mandatory every 30 day battery change. This will require all participants to sign up through a managing agency in their area.

Michelle Damone, Executive Director, will be working towards encouraging more agencies in Palm Beach County to join Project Lifesaver so we can serve more of the Alzheimer's, autism, dementia and other brain related disorders population. A Project Lifesaver participant must be a known wanderer and the program requires each participant to have a caregiver. Once identified missing through 911, Project Lifesaver's mission is to return the missing loved one home.

"The PBSO is looking forward to working with the APPBC in implementing this technology in our canine cars and helicopters, and training our officers and volunteers."

– Ric Bradshaw
Sheriff Palm Beach County

"The collaboration of agencies that serve individuals with autism spectrum disorders and Alzheimer's disease is critical to ensuring that wandering or lost persons do not suffer from avoidable tragedies in the future"

– Richard Busto
APPBC President

"There are approximately 50,000 persons with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders in Palm Beach County, and the number is steadily increasing as the age 65-plus segment of our population grows"

– Ellen Brown
CEO of the Southeast Florida Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

"As the number of individuals with autism spectrum disorders in our Palm Beach County registry increase, the need for tracking technology to locate wanderers continues to grow".

– Dr. Jack Scott
FAU/CARD Director