

THE DUBIN CENTER

Where no one faces dementia alone.

Annual Report FY 2025

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Supporting family caregivers across Southwest Florida since 1995

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Our Mission & Who We Are

The Dubin Center is an Alzheimer's and dementia resource center that provides support and education to family caregivers.

Vision & Mission

No one will face dementia alone.

Our mission is to achieve caregiver health, strength, and resilience by providing education, information, hope, and compassion.

The Dubin Center, located in Fort Myers, primarily supports caregivers and families across Southwest Florida, while also serving extended family members nationwide. Our work is strengthened by the leadership of our dedicated Board of Trustees and Advisory Council members, ensuring caregivers never walk this journey alone.

Our History

The Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center was established in 1995 to provide assistance to families of individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related memory impairment. Our center is named after Alvin A. Dubin, whose widow, Zelda Dubin, made a generous donation to ensure the viability of a resource center in Lee County. Throughout their lives, Alvin and Zelda Dubin used both their time and assets to help others. Their legacy continues through the Center's work.

In 2021, the center completed a marketing rebranding and began doing business as The Dubin Center with a new logo, mission and vision — and today we continue to grow that legacy every day.

The heart of caregiver support in Southwest Florida.

Leadership

A Message from Our Executive Director

FY2025 has been a year of remarkable growth, deepened community connections, and expanded impact for The Dubin Center. As I reflect on everything our team, volunteers, board, and supporters have accomplished together, I am filled with gratitude and hope.

This year, we served 921 unduplicated individuals — our largest reach to date — through 4,385 total interactions across programs spanning support groups, caregiver education, memory activities, brain health initiatives, and the new Medicare GUIDE program. Behind every number is a real person: a spouse navigating an unexpected diagnosis, an adult child trying to balance work and caregiving, a community member who simply needed to know they are not alone.

We also marked 30 years of service — a milestone made possible by every caregiver who trusted us, every donor who believed in our mission, and every volunteer who gave their time. In that same spirit of growth, we seized the opportunity to purchase a new facility that will allow us to serve our community for decades to come, setting the stage for our Spring 2026 opening.

None of this happens without you. To our donors, grant funders, corporate partners, volunteers, and community champions — thank you for ensuring that no one in Southwest Florida faces dementia alone.

With gratitude,

Christine LoConte, Executive Director

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Programs & Impact

FY2025 At a Glance

921

Individuals Served

Unduplicated individuals reached

4,385

Total Interactions

Moments of support, education & connection

732

Ongoing Clients

Unduplicated clients with ongoing support

968+

Volunteer Hours

Dedicated volunteer service hours

Support Group Visits

1,938

Support Group Visits

The Dubin Center offered multiple support groups each month, both in-person and online, providing education, encouragement, and community. Groups: Early-Stage | Frontotemporal Dementia (FTD) | General | Grace Beyond Guilt | Grief Support | Memory Catchers | Men's | SavvySupport Group

Savvy Caregiver Graduates

187

Savvy Caregiver Graduates

In FY2025, 187 caregivers completed our evidence-based Savvy Caregiver program, strengthening their confidence, skills, and resilience. Programs include Savvy Caregiver, Savvy Caregiver Express, Savvy Advanced, and Dealing with Dementia.

Social Activity Connections

1,110

Social Activity
Connections

Social programs create meaningful opportunities for connection and enjoyment for individuals living with dementia and their care partners, including Memory Café, Out & About, and community outings across Lee County. 415 Memory Catchers visits — meaningful engagement for loved ones with memory impairment while caregivers receive support and respite.

Brain Booster Interactions

347

Brain Booster
Interactions

Brain games and social connection delivered directly to residents in low-income senior housing, reducing social isolation and encouraging cognitive engagement for those who might otherwise be unreachable.

GUIDE Program Interactions

375

GUIDE Program
Interactions

The Dubin Center launched client onboarding for the Medicare GUIDE program (Guiding an Improved Dementia Experience) in Spring 2025, in partnership with Healthspan Partners of SWFL, providing unpaid caregivers with a yearly respite stipend, care navigation, and education.

Client Testimonials

“Thank you so very much for talking with me. When I walked out, I felt as if a weight had been lifted off my shoulders. I sincerely appreciate you and the Dubin Center.” -Walk-in, New Caregiver, Wife, Oct 2025

“Words cannot express how grateful we are for The Dubin Center. The Memory Catchers Program is a great social activity for my husband who has memory issues. As a caregiver, I have benefited from the advice and resources social workers share. Listening to other caregivers lets you know that you are not alone in this journey.” -Virginia (Ginny) Zemek, Wife and caregiver. 2025

*“Early introduction of this course on your journey will make the travel less bumpy.”
-Savvy Caregiver Graduate, March 2025*

Fundraising Events

30th Anniversary Celebration — The Veranda

On May 1, 2025, The Dubin Center marked 30 years of service with an elegant evening at The Veranda in Fort Myers. The event welcomed supporters, past directors, donors, community champions, and special guest Mayor Kevin Anderson — all gathering to celebrate three decades of walking alongside caregivers and families across Southwest Florida.



Kathy & Steve Shimp with board member Dawn Moore | Dotty St. Armand and Jaimee Thompson | The full celebration

Inaugural Backyard Game Day — Bay Street Yard

On May 18, 2025, The Dubin Center hosted its very first Backyard Game Day fundraiser at Bay Street Yard. Supporters came out for bag toss, giant Jenga, beer pong, ping pong, and more — all in the spirit of community and fun. The inaugural event raised over \$17,000 to support The Dubin Center’s free programs and services for caregivers across Southwest Florida. It was a strong debut for what is sure to become an annual tradition. See event highlights [HERE](#).

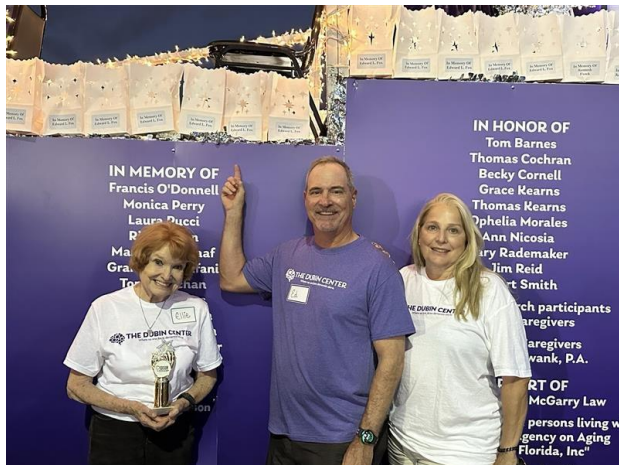


Roger & David at bag toss | Kelsy & Cassy battle it out at giant Jenga | Trophy winner Chris Smith

A Light to Remember — Edison Festival of Lights Parade

Sponsored by Ellie Fox in honor of Edward L. Fox, the annual A Light to Remember event invites families to purchase luminaries honoring or remembering loved ones living with — or lost to — dementia. In 2025, the luminaries lined The Dubin Center's float in the Edison Festival of Lights Parade, where we were proud to receive an Honorable Mention award.

Among those remembered was Tom Strachan, who passed away from Lewy Body dementia. Pictured is his grandson Jude — wearing his Dubin Center shirt and holding Tom's luminary with pride. His smile is a reminder that the love families carry for those lost to dementia never dims, and that The Dubin Center's work touches generations. See event highlights [HERE](#).



Ellie Fox, Ed Jr., and Lori Fox with The Dubin Center's Honorable Mention parade trophy | Jude, grandson of Tom Strachan, holds his grandfather's luminary

Special Highlights of 2025

1 Medicare GUIDE Program Launch

After months of preparation and collaboration with Healthspan Partners of SWFL, The Dubin Center officially launched client onboarding for the GUIDE program in Spring 2025. This landmark Medicare benefit provides unpaid family caregivers with a yearly respite stipend, dedicated care navigation, and education opportunities — helping reduce caregiver burnout and expand our reach to families who may not have previously known we existed.

2 Record Community Reach: 921 Individuals Served

FY2025 marked our highest community reach to date, with 921 unduplicated individuals served across 4,385 total interactions. Through services offered at faith-based sites, senior centers, community centers, low-income senior housing, and public libraries, we continued to meet caregivers where they are — making support accessible to all.

3 30th Anniversary & Inaugural Backyard Game Day

In May 2025, The Dubin Center marked 30 years of serving Southwest Florida families with an elegant anniversary celebration at The Veranda, welcoming supporters, past directors, and community leaders including Mayor Kevin Anderson. That same month, we launched our inaugural Backyard Game Day fundraiser at Bay Street Yard — a community-minded, fun-filled event that is now a tradition in the making.

4 Expanding Into Low-Income Senior Housing: Brain Boosters

The Brain Boosters program expanded our reach into low-income senior housing communities, delivering brain games, social engagement, and cognitive stimulation to residents who face greater barriers to accessing traditional community services. With 347 interactions this fiscal year, Brain Boosters represents our commitment to serving all members of our community.

5 A New Home for The Dubin Center — Opening Spring 2026

In FY2025, The Dubin Center seized an extraordinary opportunity: using earnings from our investment funds, we purchased a new facility that will allow us to grow and serve our community for decades to come. We then launched a campaign to raise additional funds for necessary remodeling and to replenish the investment account. The new center is set to open Spring 2026 — a milestone

that reflects the generosity and vision of every donor, volunteer, and community partner who has walked beside us over the past 30 years.

Financial Snapshot

FY2025 Financial Overview

All services are offered at no charge, made possible through the generosity of individuals, businesses, foundations, and community partners. Thank you for your continued support!

\$792,431

Total Revenue

FY2025 (12 months ended 12/31/25)

\$688,371

Total Expenses

Programs, administration & fundraising

\$74,705

Net Income

Current year income after investments

\$1,613,654

Total Assets

As of December 31, 2025

FY2025 Income by Source

The chart below reflects The Dubin Center's diversified, community-based funding base.



* Investment & Other includes investment income (\$49,214), net asset sale gains (\$79,482), and miscellaneous income (\$1,547). The asset of sale gains is largely related to the new building acquisition and are non-recurring.

How Your Dollars Are Used

80 cents of every dollar goes directly to programs and services for caregivers.

Of \$688,371 in total expenses, \$552,322 (80.2%) went directly to program services. The remaining 19.8% supported essential administration and fundraising, ensuring our programs remain strong and sustainable.

Expense Category	FY2025 Actual	% of Total
Program Services	\$552,322	80.2%
Management & General	\$87,013	12.6%
Fundraising	\$49,036	7.1%
Total Expenses	\$688,371	100%

Our Supporters

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The Veranda Restaurant

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The Dubin Center's 30th Anniversary and New Home Campaign

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Backyard Game Day Sponsored by: Cypress at Home



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Gifts made in memory or in honor of loved ones are a meaningful way to celebrate lives and legacies. These tributes ensure that care, compassion, and impact continue forward.

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In support of Wanda Bishop, her husband, Steve and all who find support and companionship in The Dubin Center

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