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## Grant Helps Alzheimer's Assn. NYC Expand Services in Queens

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New services for thousands of people with Alzheimer's disease and their family caregivers will now be available to residents of Queens, right in their own communities thanks to a grant from the Stavros Niarchos Foundation. The New York City Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association announced that it is creating a new Queens program that will include offices at two new partner sites and the hiring of a full time Care Consultant.

Joining the Chapter as a full time Queens-based Care Consultant is Yungae Yook who will split her time between offices at Queens Community House (Kew Gardens location) and New York Hospital Queens (Bayside and Fresh Meadow locations).

Beginning in late August, Yook will be on the ground in Queens to provide information, education and support to residents in both English and Korean, enabling the borough's Alzheimer's community to benefit from the Chapter's expertise in dementia care with face-to-face individual and family counseling in their home borough.

"As the number of Alzheimer's cases in New York City continues to grow, so does the need for our services -- but we can only be of help to those who can access us," said Lou-Ellen Barkan, Chapter President & CEO. "By providing in-borough support and programming, we hope to double the number of Queens residents we currently serve... We are so grateful to the Stavros Niarchos Foundation for its generosity. Its support will better the lives of countless New Yorkers and their families struggling to navigate their daily lives with the onset of Alzheimer's or dementia in their loved one."

The Queens expansion is funded by a \$348,000 grant from the Stavros Niarchos Foundation. Part of this grant also helped expand the Chapter's presence in Brooklyn.

Most recently Yook served as a Licensed Social Worker at Visiting Nurse Service of New York. She received a Master of Social Work from Fordham University and a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work from Herbert H. Lehman College.

It is estimated that, today, more than 500,000 New York City residents either have Alzheimer's or a related dementia or are taking care of someone who has the disease.