## Problem:

Alzheimer's disease is stressful for both the individual dealing with the disease and their caregiver. Often times, family members will play the role of caregiver in which they find themselves juggling or choosing between their full time jobs and giving undivided



attention to the individual. Since it is expensive and heartbreaking to send a loved one to a care home, many family members choose to keep them at home and take on the responsibilities of doctor's visits, medicine taking, daily activities and their overall well-being. Unfortunately, it is hard to have the piece of mind of making sure their loved ones have everything they need, aren't disoriented or frustrated, and especially aren't wandering and having trouble getting back home. Caregivers need a quick, reliant, and reassuring way to check up on individuals with Alzheimer's.

## Facts:

- Over 15 million Americans are caregivers of someone with Alzheimer's
- Although caregiving can be a strenuous and paid responsibility, 17.7 billion hours of unpaid care were provided in 2014
- "59% of family caregivers of people with Alzheimer's and other dementias rated the emotional stress of caregiving as high or very high"
- Caregivers manage aggressive behavior, wandering, nighttime disturbances, and agitation. 60% of those with Alzheimer's wander



All information is provided by a 2014 study by the Alzheimer's Association. For more information visit: <u>http://www.alz.org/downloads/Facts\_Figures\_2014.pdf</u>