

Why can't Papa remember my name?

Educator helps children understand what Alzheimer's means for families

HONOLULU – Alzheimer's disease is a scary situation for adults. Imagine being a child and trying to understand how the diagnosis affects you, your family member, and your entire family.

Why Can't Papa Remember My Name? is a resource for children on Alzheimer's disease. The book teaches about the disease, that others are experiencing the same situation, and that mixed emotions are common and valid, all in language appropriate for children.

"The main point of the story is the changing behaviors of one who has Alzheimer's explained in terms a child can understand," Dr. Chang said.

As primary caregiver for her husband, who had Alzheimer's, Dr. Chang lived through the disease's impact on young family members.

"Through my family's experience, I observed the impact of this debilitating disease on family relationships, especially that of my grandson and his papa," Dr. Chang said. "There were many resources on Alzheimer's written for, about, and by adults, but books on the disease from a child's perspective were limited."

Why Can't Papa Remember My Name? covers the confusion brought about by Alzheimer's from a child's point of view so young readers can understand what is happening and what they can do to help.

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