“I as a caregiver want to be able to use every resource available to me. I find that friends of ours don’t really understand. ... It affects everything.”

Mary Ellen Gross

The Glenner app monitors dementia patients, provides advice and peace of mind for caregivers

BY LAUREN J. MAPP
George G. Glenner Alzheimer’s Family Centers have supported people living with dementia for more than three decades through digital age services. Now, they’re stepping into the digital age with the newly launched GlennerCare app.

George G. Glenner Alzheimer’s Family Centers has locations in Elmhurst, Bexarina and China Vista. Through the years, caregivers have asked for additional resources at night and on the weekends. This inspired the development of an app to provide additional support for people while at home, said Lisa Tyburski, chief marketing officer.

GlennerCare app provides a vital link to experts who can help determine if urgent help is needed.

The GlennerCare app is now available for download on the App Store or for people who prefer Google Play.

There are two different versions of the app: one for caregivers and one for dementia caregivers.

There is also an app for caregivers who are caring for someone with a cognitive or behavioral health problem.

A quick review of what works...
We caregivers of people with dementia are totally out on a limb. We always had to be the first to know if something was wrong. Now that we’ve gone through the app, caregivers are being kept up to date. It’s a help to think that there’s someone out there who cares. They’re keeping an eye on it.

Valanciute, San Diego Oasis CEO and president.