

Man, 98, to walk to raise money for Alzheimer's

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ENFIELD — Ivan Hoyt, former president of A.W. Hastings & Co., is 98 years old and recently broke his hip.

But Hoyt plans to lead his team in the Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk on Saturday, Oct. 3, in honor of his wife, who was diagnosed with the disease in 2006.

Hoyt wants to raise \$1,948 for the Hastings Memory Walk Team. Hoyt and his wife, Florence, were married in 1948.

Hoyt and his wife worked side by side at the company for a combined 100 years, Hoyt's son and current president of the company, Dusty Hoyt said.

Hoyt's son Jody, A.W. Hastings' treasurer, said: "My father has always thrived on setting objec-

tives, and after his recent broken hip, this one is pretty ambitious and he is definitely determined to do it."

Hoyt has an ambitious spirit: "When I feel we are not doing enough, I ask, 'Can we do more?' Whether I am working selling windows or whether I am a 98-year-old guy raising money, it's the same thing. I want to make a difference. A reason for hope — that's the bottom line."

To support Ivan Hoyt's goal, contact Miana Hoyt, 860-394-3443.

The Memory Walk, which raises money for the Alzheimer's Association for Alzheimer care, support and research, will start at the Enfield Town Green on Saturday, Oct. 3. Registration begins at 9 a.m.; walk begins at 10 a.m. For details, call or e-mail 860-828-2828 or Mary.Mackey@alz.org