

Alzheimer's Advocate E-Newsletter
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Hi Alzheimer's Advocates,

Just a short note to let you know we are still here and doing some behind the scene work. We are working on initiating a State Alzheimer's disease plan; getting ready for Memory Walks across the Chapter; planning and making In-District Congressional office visits to further promote our issues.

We will be reporting on the progress of a State Alzheimer's disease plan in the fall and how you as Alzheimer's Advocates can help make this planning a success

The National Public Policy office will ask us from time to time to write letters and/or make telephone calls about pending legislation. The time line on these requests is quite short. We hope you will be able to find time to make the call or write the email when your assistance is needed.

Advocacy is many things. It can be talking to politician, interceding for our loved ones in the medical community or any time we step up on behalf of those with Alzheimer's disease. One big way to help is to help raise funds to support the Alzheimer's Association programs and our effort to help fund research.

Here is your chance to help raise funds. MEMORY WALKS will soon be here. We invite you to participate in a Walk near you. Memory Walks will be held in:

- Prescott, AZ on October 3
- Tucson, AZ on October 17
- Verde Valley (Sedona, AZ) on October 17
- West Valley, Sun City West, AZ on October 24
- Las Vegas, NV on November 7
- Phoenix, AZ on November 14

To find out more information about the Walks or how to start or join a team go to www.alz.org/dsw and click on Memory Walks. Join the fun!

Be on the lookout...the 2009 Advocacy Survey is coming your way! An email with a link to this survey will be emailed to our advocates in August. Your responses will provide invaluable feedback to help us continue our advocacy efforts.

Thank you for your continued interest and support in being an Alzheimer's Association Desert Southwest Chapter Advocate!