

Dear Friend:

The Alzheimer's Association, Greater Dallas Chapter, seeks nominations for the sixth annual R.J. Roper Caregiver Awards Program. These unique awards are reserved for professional caregivers who exemplify excellence in service to Alzheimer's patients and their families. Each winner will receive an award of \$1,000 presented to the caregiver during the Richard J. Price Caregiver Conference to be held on November 4, 2009. The conference will take place at Fellowship Bible Church in North Dallas. You are invited to visit [www.alzdallas.org](http://www.alzdallas.org) to learn more details about the conference which will be a day with David Troxel. Mr. Troxel is an outstanding caregiver educator who, along with his colleagues, developed *The Best Friends Approach to Alzheimer's Care*.

The R.J. Roper Caregiver Awards Program represents an opportunity for you to recognize special caregivers who demonstrate superior concern for persons with Alzheimer's disease and their loved ones. Through acknowledging these outstanding caregivers, in conjunction with providing high quality training opportunities for them, we hope to inspire caregivers across the community to continually strive for excellence in their important work. Research strongly connects the relationship between the quality of the patient's care and the quality of the caregiver's ability and dedication.

I encourage you to nominate an outstanding caregiver by downloading the nomination forms from our website at [www.alzdallas.org](http://www.alzdallas.org) and returning them to the Association by October 5, 2009. In addition to the cash award, each recipient will receive a framed certificate of accomplishment and an autographed copy of one of David Troxel's books. Award winners, along with their respective sponsor, will be listed in various Alzheimer's Association communication materials throughout 2009 and 2010, on our website, and will be listed on the R.J. Roper Caregiver Awards Program Wall of Honor – a permanent display in the Chapter office. The R.J. Roper Caregiver Awards Program was initiated in 2003 and, with the presentation of the six awards on November 4, a total of 30 caregivers will have been honored.

The six awards to be presented at the Richard J. Price Caregiver Conference include:

- The Bridgwater Caregiver Award, sponsored by Bill Bridgwater;
- The Hogle Caregiver Award, sponsored by Sally Hogle;

- The Ethel Ketter Caregiver Award, sponsored by the Association of Women Executives;
- The R.J. Roper Caregiver Award, sponsored by Rita and Henry Hortenstine;
- The Rouse Family Foundation Caregiver Award, sponsored by the Rouse Family Foundation;
- The Anita and Merlyn Sampels Caregiver Award, sponsored by the Anita and Merlyn Sampels Advised Fund of The Dallas Foundation.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda M. Ross, Director of Programs and Services, at 214.540-2429 or at [linda.ross@alz.org](mailto:linda.ross@alz.org) .

All the best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John R. Gilchrist Jr.".

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