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Distinguished Speakers Announced For Focus Forward Conference in Joliet

JOLIET, IL---The Alzheimer's Association – Greater Illinois Chapter is pleased to announce the distinguished speakers for the Focus Forward: Exploring Options conference on Thursday, April 23 from 8:30 a.m. until 3:45 p.m. at Harrah's Joliet Casino and Hotel, 151 North Joliet Street, Joliet.

This year's speakers include:

Melanie Adams, Senior Program Manager Alzheimer's Association - Greater Illinois Chapter

Chelsey Beyers, MA, CTRS, Adult Life & Aging Educator, U of I Extension Center, Kankakee County

Melanie Chavin, Vice President-Program Services, Alzheimer's Association - Greater Illinois Chapter

G.Peter Gliebus, MD, Northwestern University-Feinberg School of Medicine

Mary McConnachie O'Hara, MA, LSW, Northwestern University-Feinberg School of Medicine

"In four short years this conference has become the premier Alzheimer's conference in the Joliet area," said Marc Gentzler public relations specialist for the Chapter. "We are very excited this year to have so many leaders in the field of aging present at our conference. Attendance at this annual event continues to grow with every year. It is a sad fact that every 70 seconds someone in America develops Alzheimer's disease. By mid-century it is estimated that someone will develop this devastating disease every 33 seconds. Now is the time to become educated about Alzheimer's issues and resources.

To register for this conference call 815.744.0804 or visit www.alz.org/illinois. Early bird rates still available!

About the Alzheimer's Association - The Alzheimer's Association, the world leader in Alzheimer research and support, is the largest voluntary health organization dedicated to finding prevention methods, treatments and cure for Alzheimer's. Since 1980, the donor-supported, nonprofit Alzheimer's Association has provided reliable information and care consultation; created supportive services for families; increased funding for dementia research; and influenced public policy changes. **The Greater Illinois Chapter** serves dozens of counties with offices in Bloomington, Carterville, Chicago, Joliet, Rockford and Springfield. For more information, call our Helpline at 800-272-3900 or visit www.alz.org/illinois.

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