

Greater Illinois Chapter

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New Alzheimer's Family Forum Comes to Northwestern Suburbs

PALATINE, IL---The Alzheimer's Association – Greater Illinois Chapter will host a new *Alzheimer's Association Family Forum* in Palatine on Saturday, June 13 from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at Harper College, Wojcik, 1200 Algonquin Road in Palatine.

“We will hear from experts in the field, participate in round table discussions, attend a resource fair and hear personal testimonials from Alzheimer's Caregivers,” said Chris Garnaat, program manager for the Chapter. “In 2008 Illinois had 349,614 Alzheimer's and dementia Caregivers that resulted in 301,786,819 hours of unpaid care. The need for family Caregivers to have access to valuable resources is ever growing in the state of Illinois. The *Alzheimer's Association Family Forum* is an excellent opportunity to find all the resources that you will need while on your caregiving journey.”

The round table discussions will feature these topics:

- Staying Safe
- Home and Community-Based Services
- Legal Issues
- Residential Care: When is it time? How do I make a good choice?
- Building a Network of Support
- Early Stage/Young Onset Issues
- Non-Alzheimer Dementias
- Hospice and Palliative Care Services

If you would like to register for the *Alzheimer's Association Family Forum* please call 847.933.2413 or visit www.alz.org/illinois. There is a registration fee of \$25 per person.

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.