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Couple to Share their Personal Journey with Alzheimer's Disease Alzheimer's Association Providing Local Program Featuring Massachusetts Couple who will Examine the Impact of Alzheimer's disease on their Relationship

Dr. Stephen Hume was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in May of 2007 at the age of 60. He and his life partner and caregiver, Candy Darcy, will share their insights and feelings about their journey with the disease at a special Art of Caregiving Program presented by the Alzheimer's Association. The half-day event will be held **Thursday, Oct. 20th, from 9:30 a.m. – Noon, at Lake Storey Pavilion, 1572 Machen Drive, Galesburg.**

Titled, "Taking Care of the Caregiver: How Dementia Impacts Relationships and Intimacy," the program is co-sponsored by OSF Saint Francis Medical Center and Humana, and is free to the public. A box lunch will be served.

Prior to his diagnosis, Dr. Hume was a clinician, consultant and senior manager in the behavioral health field. He holds a doctorate in clinical and organizational psychology and is currently an active member of the Alzheimer's Association National Board of Directors. A resident of Massachusetts, he was asked to speak at the White House Briefing on the challenges of Alzheimer's disease in the United States last year. As a member of the National Early Stage Advisory Group, he was also a principal speaker at the 2010 Candlelight Rally in Washington, DC.

The couple will share the coping mechanisms they have developed to keep a positive and healthy relationship with each other and with their friends and family.

Registration is required. For more information, please call the Alzheimer's Association – Central Illinois Chapter, at 309.681.1100 or 800.272.3900.

The Alzheimer's Association – Central Illinois Chapter, is a donor supported, not-for-profit health organization serving 20 counties in central and west central Illinois. Its three office locations – Peoria, Quincy, and Dixon, provide education and support services to help people with Alzheimer's disease and their caregivers understand and deal with the disease and its impact on their lives.

For additional information about the program or agency services, visit the Chapter website at www.alz.org/illinoiscentral.

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