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Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk® Provides Fun Way for Northeast Indiana Residents to Raise Critically Needed Funds for Alzheimer's Care, Support and Research

FORT WAYNE, IN – The Alzheimer's Association is inviting Northeast Indiana residents to become *Champions* in the fight against Alzheimer's by participating in the annual Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk®. **Foster Park, Pavilions 1 & 2** will be site of the Memory Walk on **Sept. 12** with registration beginning at 11 a.m. and the walk beginning at Noon.

Alzheimer's disease is a growing epidemic that is now the seventh leading cause of death in the United States. It is estimated that someone in America develops Alzheimer's disease every 70 seconds. By mid-century someone will develop Alzheimer's disease every 33 seconds.

“There has never been a greater need for the people of Northeast Indiana to join in the fight against Alzheimer's disease by participating in Memory Walk,” said Melissa Barile, Alzheimer's Association Regional Director. “As many as 5.3 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease and funds raised will provide support services to the 120,000 residents of Indiana living with Alzheimer's, while also contributing to critically needed research.”

Those interested in participating in the walk can find details and register online at www.alz.org or call the Alzheimer's Association Helpline at 800-272-3900.

The Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk is an empowering event that gives participants an opportunity to be *Champions* and take action in the fight against Alzheimer's. In addition to the one to two mile course, participants will enjoy food, drinks, music, booths manned by local businesses and more.

The Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk is nationally presented by Genworth Financial.

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About the Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk®:

The Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk® is the nation's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer care, support and research programs. Held annually in hundreds of communities across the country, this inspiring event calls volunteers of all ages to become *Champions* in the fight against Alzheimer's.

About the Alzheimer's Association:

The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer care, support and research. Our mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; to advocate for policy change; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.

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