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CARE CONSULTATION PROGRAM PROVIDES THE MAP FOR THOSE ON THE JOURNEY THROUGH ALZHEIMER'S

FORT WAYNE, IN— As a part of its core services, the Alzheimer's Association's Care Consultation program is helping families impacted by Alzheimer's cope and providing them with the tools necessary to become expert caregivers.

Care Consultation is a service that offers personalized care planning, education and support to families coping with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia. This program is available to families at all points in the disease process, from a new diagnosis to late stage. There is no charge for Care Consultation, but contributions are welcomed.

Care Consultation provides:

- A meeting with a licensed social worker to develop a plan of care to manage the needs of the person with dementia and/or the caregiver.
- One-on-one education about the disease process, treatment, and current research.
- Assessment of the functional status of the individual with dementia. Information or resources to assist with legal, financial, and social security issues.
- Information about community services to meet the changing needs of caregivers and persons with dementia.
- Assessment of safety issues.
- Assistance with developing positive caregiving approaches.
- Development of a verbal or written action/care plan.

Care Consultation is available via phone and/or e-mail throughout the state. In office visits can be arranged, and in home visits are available in certain counties. Call for further details.

To arrange a visit for you and/or your family, call or e-mail Jackie Custer at 260.420.5547, jackie.custer@alz.org.

Today, approximately 5.3 million Americans have Alzheimer's disease, including 120,000 Hoosiers. Every 70 seconds, someone develops Alzheimer's disease, making Alzheimer's disease the 6th leading cause of death. The direct and indirect costs of Alzheimer's disease and other dementia amount to more than \$148 billion annually.

The Alzheimer's Association is the world leader in Alzheimer's research and support. Having awarded more than \$150 million to nearly 1,300 research projects, the Alzheimer's Association is the largest private funder of Alzheimer research. The Association's vision is a world without Alzheimer's disease. For more information about Alzheimer's disease, call 800.272.3900 or visit www.alz.org/indiana.