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NEW COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS SERIES TO PUT FOCUS ON CAREGIVER EDUCATION DURING ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

KOKOMO, IN —The Alzheimer's Association of Greater Indiana, will host *Community Conversations 2*, a free Alzheimer's education series featuring information on a variety of topics that are of interest to all community members with a focus towards caregivers. The programs will be held on consecutive Tuesdays, in Nov., Alzheimer's disease awareness month, from Noon – 1 p.m. at the United Way office, 210 W Walnut St.

Nov. 3 – *Know the 10 Signs* – this program will provide attendees with an understanding of the difference between age-related memory loss and Alzheimer's and what to do if they or someone they know has signs of the disease.

Nov. 10 - *Making Life Decisions* – this program expands on information on Alzheimer's disease and making decisions. This program will educate attendees about possible care options, legal and financial issues. Topics include various care options, tools to assist in health care decision planning and finances. Elder Law Attorney Jim Butcher will be a guest speaker and available to answer questions.

Nov. 17 – *Becoming an Expert Caregiver* - this workshop will empower caregivers with simple techniques on handling things like challenging behaviors, preventing wandering and activities of daily life such as bathing, dressing, toileting and eating.

Nov. 24 – *Aging Safely in the Home* – this program is for those who are caring for a loved one with dementia in their home. Attendees will learn how to effectively evaluate the home environment, avoid injury and wandering, put common objects and substances out of reach and ensure total safety at home.

There is no charge to attend these programs; however reservations for each individual program are encouraged. It is not a requirement to attend each session. To reserve space or for additional information call the Alzheimer's Association Helpline at 800.272.3900.

Today, approximately 5.3 million Americans have Alzheimer's disease, including 120,000 Hoosiers. 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.

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