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FIRST YEAR FOR CO-HOSTED ALZHEIMER'S SYMPOSIUM TO FEATURE EDUCATION AND BOOTHS BY LOCAL BUSINESSES

MUNSTER - Community Hospital and the Alzheimer's Association are sponsoring an educational Alzheimer's Symposium for caregivers and those in early stage disease to gain timely information on how to handle the life changes that occur with Alzheimer's disease and/or dementia. The symposium will take place Oct. 28 from 4-8 p.m. at Community Hospital, 901 MacArthur Blvd.

Educational booths will be available from 4-6 p.m. and speakers will present educational programs from 6-8 p.m. Many local companies will be on hand to educate the attendees about the services available locally for those dealing with Alzheimer's disease. The speakers include Elder Law Attorney Gary Bonk and Neurologist David Rozenfeld, MD. Attorney Bonk will discuss the basics of getting your financial and legal obligations in order. Dr. Rozenfeld will talk about the causes, diagnosis and treatments available for Alzheimer's disease and dementia.

"This is the first year that Community Hospital and the Alzheimer's Association have hosted the Alzheimer's Symposium," reports Louise Thompson, Community Services Liaison for the Alzheimer's Association. "St. Mary Medical Center has hosted a similar Symposium for many years and this is the first time that this program is being held in the Munster area," notes Thompson. "People from Lake County are encouraged to attend to receive helpful and timely information."

The Public is invited to this free program. Pre-registration is requested. Refreshments will be served, and door prizes will be awarded. To reserve your space or for additional information, please call the Alzheimer's Association at 1-800-272-3900.

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 7th 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.

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