

alzheimer's association®

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Motivating Our Volunteers Every Day

Research Underway in Louisiana!

One of the major distinctions of the Alzheimer's Association from other groups in Louisiana and around the country is our continued support of research. The Alzheimer's Association is the largest private funder of research related to Alzheimer's disease and we are proud of this part of our full-mission approach to addressing this disease.

Right here in Louisiana there are researchers who are doing their part to look into treatment and cures for Alzheimer's disease. Research includes social factors as well as clinical factors. Below is some information about one study that is about to recruit for new participants.

A 23 month study on an investigational secretase inhibitor on the progression of Alzheimer's Disease as compared with placebo. To learn more or make a referral call:

The Psychopharmacology Research Clinic at LSUHSC-S 318-813-2070 or Angela Benedetto at 318-813-2073.



Upcoming Events

- November 1 Memory Walk in New Orleans
- November 7 Dementia Care Conference in Shreveport
- November 15 Memory Walk in Lake Charles
- January 30, 2009 Dementia Care Conference in Houma
- March 20, 2009 Monroe Dementia Care Conference
- March 27 New Orleans Dementia Care Conference
- April 3 Lake Charles Dementia Care Conference

Remember- Volunteers are invited to attend Dementia Care Conference anywhere in the state at no charge. Call to register if you would like to attend one!

Headlines on the National Radar

SPOTLIGHT

Learn About One of Our Own

Each month we will highlight a staff member or volunteer. This month we want you to get to know: **ASHLEY FINNEY**



I was born and raised in New Orleans, LA and like any other true southerner, plan my life around good food. I went to college in Washington D.C. at The American

University and received a bachelor's degree in psychology with a minor in communications. While in school, I studied abroad in Rome, Italy and traveled the country and the south of France learning about the culture, language and food.

When I graduated in May

2005, I moved home to New Orleans and got a job doing retail work, but it wasn't long before Katrina came and sent me to Lafayette, where I have stayed until the current time. While in Lafayette, I decided that I wanted to pursue a career that included social service and eventually made my way to the Alzheimer's Association. I began volunteering for the Association in Lafayette at the Yandle's Soiree, helped at the Lafayette Memory Walk, and was on staff just a few months later. I have worked with the Lafayette, Houma and Lake Charles areas for over a year now and am about to move on to a new office in the Baton Rouge area to begin work on advocacy and legislation that will be crucial for Louisianians who

suffer from dementia.

In my spare time, I love to garden and raise orchids. I love the outdoors and just completed a 27 mile backpacking trip in 3 days. I miss my home city of New Orleans and am happy to announce that I will be moving the first week of November!

In 2009, I will make a fresh start in the Baton Rouge area. I am looking forward to meeting new people there, building strong relationships, and helping to create plans and legislation that will mean real change for those people and families dealing with the effects of Alzheimer's disease. I am happy to be working on issues that really matter to people and with people who can bring real change!



Holiday Cards available for purchase on www.alz.org/shop

Four Novel Gene Sites Found

A study using a powerful new technology known as genome-wide association analysis has located four novel gene sites that may significantly influence risk or age of onset for late-onset Alzheimer's.



Alzheimer's Postage Stamp

On Oct. 17, the U.S. Postal Service released a stamp to increase concern and greater public awareness about Alzheimer's disease.

Memory Screening

The Alzheimer's Association does not support community-based memory screening in general populations as a means to identify people who should be seen by a physician for a diagnostic evaluation. Call us for more information.