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Vermont Chapter Welcomes new Executive Director

Martha Richardson of Colchester, VT joined the Alzheimer's Association July 1, 2010. She brings more than 25 years of experience in the nonprofit world to the Chapter. She started her career in development at the Putney School in Southern Vermont, then spent a 12 year period at Vermont Public Television as their Community and Outreach Director and the last decade as Director of Development for a network of 11 rural territory offices of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Her experience with dementia has been on the personal level and she looks forward to helping fellow Vermonters who are dealing with the challenges of Alzheimer's. She encourages open communication and partnership between all stakeholders in the Alzheimer's cause. Martha may be reached at martha.richardson@alz.org and welcomes your thoughts and input as she works with the staff and board to develop the strategic plan for the Vermont Chapter.

Three New Board Members Join the Vermont Chapter

- Marianne Apfelbaum, co-publisher of The Williston Observer, The Charlotte Citizen, The Vermont Newcomers Guide, and co-publisher/editor of Vermont Maturity Magazine. Click here for full bio.
- Don George, President and CEO of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont (BCBSVT) and The Vermont Health Plan (TVHP), BCBSVT's HMO. Mr. George joined BCBSVT in 1993 and has held various and increasing levels of responsibility during his career with the plan
- Susan Wehry, M.D is a popular speaker and nationally recognized advocate for seniors and those who serve them. A board-certified geriatric psychiatrist, she has educated physicians, nurses, medical students, ombudsmen, policy makers and direct care workers from Alaska to Louisiana.



Join us for a Memory Walk near you

Memory Walk Season has begun. Our first Walk took place in Rutland this past weekend. Thank you to all participants and our wonderful committee for creating such a successful event. Walks are still to take place in Chittenden County September 25th. Bennington, Montpelier & St. Albans Walks take place October 9th and our final walk takes place in Brattleboro on October 16th. Please join us! Use the link below to sign up online and take advantage of all the online tools available for making fundraising as easy as 1,2,3!

[Vermont Chapter Memory Walks](#)



Upcoming Programs and Trainings

All About Alzheimer's For Families and Friends will be presented in Morrisville, Newport & St. Albans. In the next few weeks and our program **Memory and Aging** is coming to St. Johnsbury and Williston. Programs are presented in a PowerPoint format, by a trained dynamic instructor and are accompanied by a strong curriculum. Each program will explore aspects of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. For more details about local programming click on this link [Vermont Chapter Program Schedule](#). Maggie Lewis, our Director of Programs and Services will be presenting at the Vermont Health Care Association's annual education conference in So Burlington September 21 & 22 and staff will be in attendance at the PaceVT presentation of the HBO series [The Alzheimer's Project](#)



Comfort Zone brings families peace of mind

Alzheimer's Association Comfort Zone™, powered by Omnilink, is a new comprehensive Web-based location management service that provides the entire family peace of mind while giving people with Alzheimer's the freedom and independence they want. Family members can have knowledge of a person's location, while individuals with Alzheimer's can enjoy the emotional security of familiar routines and surroundings. Comfort Zone works with a tracking device such as a car-mounted unit, pocket device or wrist-worn device. For more information [Click here](#)



TrialMatch

Alzheimer's Association TrialMatch is a first-of-its-kind, free, confidential interactive tool that provides comprehensive clinical trial information and an individualized trial matching service for people with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. Alzheimer's Association TrialMatch operates through the Internet (www.alz.org/TrialMatch), and through the Alzheimer's Association toll-free phone number (800-272-3900). This powerful new tool is also available to caregivers, physicians, researchers and people interested in becoming "healthy volunteers." Through TrialMatch Vermonters can find clinical trials taking place within the state and New England region.



Help Make Alzheimer's Disease a National Priority!

Alzheimer's researchers hit the Road July 17th to raise awareness of the Alzheimer's Research Act by participating in the [Alzheimer's Breakthrough Ride](#). The ride is progressing across the country; already, more than 43,000 individuals have signed the petition asking Congress to make Alzheimer's disease a national priority. Though the riders won't make it to Vermont you can still be involved... join the tide to create a tidal wave of support. Go to <http://www.alz.org/petition> and sign the petition today!