

Why We Walk

There are more than **48,000** reasons in West Virginia to **join us** in the
Walk to END Alzheimer's

- Every **69 SECONDS** someone develops Alzheimer's disease.
- 5.4 million Americans and more than 48,000 West Virginians have Alzheimer's.**
- Nearly half a million individuals have Early Onset Alzheimer's where symptoms appear well before age 65. This is **NOT** just a disease for old people!
- Alzheimer's is the **SIXTH** leading cause of death in the United States and the fifth leading cause in people over age 65. It is the only one of the top ten diseases that **CANNOT** be prevented or cured.
- One out of eight people age 65 and older has Alzheimer's and nearly one out of two over age 85 will develop Alzheimer's.
- The National Institutes of Health provides over **\$6 billion to cancer research, over \$4 billion to heart disease and over \$3 billion HIV.** Alzheimer's research only receives \$480 million.
- Since 2000, death rates from Alzheimer's have **RISEN** by 66%. Since 2000, death rates from other diseases have **DROPPED**: HIV by 29%, Stroke by 20%, Heart Disease by 13%.
- One study found that **Alzheimer's caregivers** have a **63 percent greater chance of dying** than their peers who are not caregivers due to the stress of caregiving.
- In 2011, the first of the baby boomers began turning 65. **10 MILLION** of them will either **develop** Alzheimer's or spend their time caring for someone that does.
- By 2030, the United States will need an **ADDITIONAL** 3.5 million health care providers to care for those with Alzheimer's.
- This **FATAL** brain disease steals a person's memories, judgment and independence; robs spouses of companions and children of parents and grandparents; and destroys the financial security of millions of families.

In the last 12 months the Alzheimer's Association WV Chapter:

- *Distributed 22,374 pieces of educational materials
- *Conducted 100 free community workshops
- *Answered 2,378 Helpline calls
- *Conducted 110 Care Consultations
- *Mailed 56,000 copies of our comprehensive free newsletter, *Caregiver*

Team Building and Community Involvement

Walk to End Alzheimer's teams share an incredible experience and take pride in their efforts to make a difference in the lives of families facing Alzheimer's disease. It enhances morale and builds team spirit for everyone affected by the disease. Walk to End Alzheimer's also raises money to provide services to assist those touched by this disease. Uniting with your friends, family, neighbors and community creates an **UNSTOPPABLE FORCE** against Alzheimer's!! The end of Alzheimer's **starts with us!**

Our vision: A world WITHOUT Alzheimer's. Join us!