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ALZHEIMER’S ASSOCIATION WALK TO END ALZHEIMER’S®  
STEPS OFF OCTOBER 6 AT CLEVELAND METROPARKS ZOO

Participants to Raise Critically Needed Funds for  
Alzheimer’s Care, Support and Research

CLEVELAND, OH – Cleveland Metroparks Zoo will be the site of the 2019 Walk to End Alzheimer’s on Sunday, October 6. Activities and registration begin at 7 a.m. The walk steps off at 9 a.m. after a Promise Garden ceremony at 8:45 a.m. honoring those affected by Alzheimer’s disease. An after-party and awards presentation follows the Walk beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Finish Line, next to the Palava Hut. The pre-Walk and after party activities include child-friendly activities, vendor tables, music, games and entertainment. The Alzheimer’s Association® is inviting local residents and businesses to join the fight to end Alzheimer’s by registering for the Walk.

Walk participants choose a one-mile or a three-mile route winding through the beautiful Zoo grounds. More than 4,000 participants from more than 300 teams are expected to raise more than $534,000. Admission to the Zoo is included with your Walk registration. While registration is free, we suggest a $25 donation per person to cover the cost of your admission and to advance the mission of the Alzheimer’s Association. Everyone who makes a donation of any amount will earn a car magnet. Individuals raising $100 will earn a Walk day T-shirt.

The Cleveland Clinic, Luo Ruvo Center for Brain Health is the 2019 Mission Partner of the Cleveland Walk to End Alzheimer’s and Edward Jones is the 2019 National Presenting Sponsor. Representative Stephanie Howse (D-Cleveland) is the Honorary Chair. Rep. Howse’s mother, Annie Key, is affected by mixed dementia and vascular dementia. Together they
connected with an Alzheimer’s Association support group that offers meaningful socialization for Annie, 78. Rep. Howse is one of her mother’s primary caregivers.

“We need to come together to learn more about (dementia) and, more importantly, find a cure…so that one day soon we will be able to end this very, very challenging disease,” Rep. Howse said. Rep. Howse talks about why she joins the Walk to End Alzheimer’s.

Walk to End Alzheimer’s is more than a walk. It calls on participants to unite in a movement to reclaim the future for millions. In addition to the walk route, participants learn about Alzheimer’s disease and how to get involved with this critical cause from advocacy and volunteer opportunities to care and support programs and services to clinical studies.

"There has never been a greater need to join in the fight against Alzheimer’s and other forms of dementia. Many local families are facing the same struggles State Rep. Howse and her mother, Annie, and family are confronting. By telling their story, Stephanie and Annie are helping to dispel the stigma often associated with the disease. Funds raised will support critical care and support services for individuals and families in Northeast Ohio and across the country; advance education and awareness efforts; and drive research towards prevention, treatment, and, ultimately, a cure," said Nancy Udelson, President and CEO, Cleveland Area Chapter.

To start your walk team, visit: act.alz.org/Cleveland/

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