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John Burgess to chair 2022 Walk to End Alzheimer's for Sarasota and Manatee counties

SARASOTA, Fla., April 19, 2022 – Local attorney John Burgess of Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick has joined the Alzheimer's Association as the 2022 Walk to End Alzheimer's executive event chair for Sarasota and Manatee counties.

"Alzheimer's touches so many families," Burgess said. "The Walk to End Alzheimer's plays a big part in funding research and providing hope for those who have been touched by Alzheimer's and related dementias.

"The Walk is already a great event that will be even bigger and better this year," Burgess added, "but we need the support of the business community in Sarasota and Manatee counties for the Walk to make the impact that it should have. That's where our executive leadership committee comes into the picture, and it's exciting to have the chance to lead the committee."

The Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's is the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research programs. On walk day, attendees honor those affected by Alzheimer's with the poignant Promise Garden ceremony – a mission-focused experience that signifies participants' solidarity in the fight against the disease. The colors of the Promise Garden flowers represent participants' personal connections to Alzheimer's and their reasons for walking.

"More than 6 million Americans are currently battling Alzheimer's disease," noted Michele Olson, director of the Sarasota County Walk to End Alzheimer's. "Here in Florida, we have the second-highest prevalence of the disease in the country with more than 580,000 diagnosed residents. Walk to End Alzheimer's is our chance to come together as a community to show our support for those individuals, and with John's help, I know this year's event will be a success."

The Sarasota County Walk to End Alzheimer's will take place this fall. To register and receive the latest updates on this year's Walk to End Alzheimer's, visit alz.org/walk.

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