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GRAND ISLAND TO JOIN THE FIGHT AGAINST ALZHEIMER’S IN ALZHEIMER’S ASSOCIATION WALK TO END ALZHEIMER’S®

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

June 8, 2019 – The Alzheimer’s Association® is inviting Grand Island residents to join the fight to end Alzheimer’s by participating in the Alzheimer’s Association Walk to End Alzheimer’s. The event will take place on Sunday, September 8, 2019 at Sucks Lake, 809 South Harrison Street in Grand Island.

Alzheimer’s Association Walk to End Alzheimer’s participants will complete a walk and will learn about Alzheimer’s disease, advocacy opportunities, clinical studies enrollment and support programs and services from the Alzheimer’s Association. Walk participants will also join in a meaningful tribute ceremony to honor those affected by Alzheimer’s disease.

Grand Island resident Kelly Hranec will walk to honor her stepgrandmother, who battled Alzheimer’s disease for twelve years before her passing. “We’re hoping for a cure,” she stated. “Right now, there isn’t one. By raising funds for awareness and finding a cure, I’m hoping that down the road my children’s generation would be able to live in a world without Alzheimer’s.”

In addition to the walk, participants will enjoy live entertainment, free food, and interaction with the following event sponsors: Runza, KSNB Local 4 and Platte River Radio, among others.

“By participating in the Grand Island Walk to End Alzheimer’s, area residents and businesses join the largest non-profit funder of Alzheimer’s research,” said Sharon Stephens, Executive Director of the Alzheimer’s Association Nebraska Chapter. “Until we find that cure, we must all share our stories of how Alzheimer’s has affected our family and friends, and continue to encourage others to join the fight to end Alzheimer’s. Together, we can do so much.”

Approximately 5.8 million Americans are living with Alzheimer’s disease, the sixth-leading cause of death in the U.S. and the only disease among the top 10 causes that cannot be cured, prevented or even slowed. Additionally, more than 16 million family and friends provide care to people with Alzheimer’s and other dementias in the U.S. In Nebraska alone, there are more than 34,000 people living with the disease and 83,000 caregivers.
Register today. Sign up as a Team Captain; join a team or register to walk as an individual at [alz.org/walk](http://alz.org/walk).

**Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's®**
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. Since 1989, the Alzheimer’s Association mobilized millions of Americans in the Alzheimer’s Association Memory Walk®, now the Alzheimer’s Association is continuing to lead the way with Walk to End Alzheimer's. Together, we can end Alzheimer’s – the nation’s sixth-leading cause of death.

**Alzheimer's Association®**
The Alzheimer’s Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer’s care, support and research. Our mission is to eliminate Alzheimer’s disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. Our vision is a world without Alzheimer’s. Visit [alz.org](http://alz.org) or call 800.272.3900.

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