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HASTINGS 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 24, 2019 – The Alzheimer’s Association® is inviting Hastings residents to join the fight to end Alzheimer’s by participating in the Alzheimer’s Association Walk to End Alzheimer’s. The Walk will take place on Sunday August 25, 2019 at Libs Park, 1531 N Baltimore Avenue in Hastings.

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.

Hastings resident Kendra Bargen will walk in the Hastings Walk to End Alzheimer’s to honor her adoptive grandparents, her uncle, and members of her church community. She reflects on the Alzheimer’s journey of her uncle stating, “I watched him go from a vibrant, active individual to a skeleton of himself. He was no longer able to walk on his own, and gradually could not feed or bathe himself or communicate with others. It was truly heartbreaking for our family to witness this. I want to be able to help reach out to those who are affected and band together with others in hopes that someday, this will no longer be a concern for our country.”

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

“By participating in the Hastings 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.

**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.

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