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Sign up Today for Your Local Memory Walk
Every 70 seconds someone develops Alzheimer's disease.

CHICAGO, IL---The Alzheimer's Association – Greater Illinois Chapter is calling upon all residents in Illinois to sign up for the 2009 Memory Walk in your area.

"Momentum and enthusiasm are building as we get closer to the 2009 Memory Walks," said Lisa Lee vice president of development for the Greater Illinois Chapter. "Currently we are seeking motivated team captains who are willing to lead the charge in the fight against Alzheimer's! We encourage walkers of all ages and abilities. The course is wheelchair and stroller friendly and we welcome dogs on leashes. If you are unable to walk you can still make a difference by visiting www.alz.org/illinois to make a donation."

2009 Greater Illinois Chapter Memory Walks:

Bloomington/Normal
October 3, 2009
Colene Hoose Elementary School

Champaign/Urbana
September 19, 2009
Meadowbrook Park

Chicago
September 13, 2009
Montrose and the Lakefront

Decatur
October 10, 2009
Fairview Park

Joliet
September 26, 2009
Rock Run Forest Preserve

Kankakee
September 19, 2009
Kankakee Farmer's Market (Gazebo)

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Lake County
October 3, 2009
Independence Grove, Libertyville

McHenry County
September 20, 2009
Sunset Park, Lake in the Hills

Naperville
September 27, 2009
Naperville Riverwalk - Grand Pavilion

Rockford
September 26, 2009
Rock Valley College

Saline County
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TBA

Southern Illinois
September 12, 2009
John A. Logan College

Springfield
September 26, 2009
Washington Park Picnic Shelter

"Currently there are more than a half million Illinois citizens who are affected by this devastating disease," said Erna Colborn, president and ceo for the Chapter. "As the baby boomer population enters the age of greatest risk for development of Alzheimer's this number will skyrocket. Memory Walk is vital to ensuring the future success of funding on a national level and Chapter outreach programs that include a 24/7 helpline, education programs and conferences for family and professional caregivers, support groups, MedicAlert+Safe Return, care navigation services, early stage/early onset programs and advocacy efforts in Illinois."

Memory Walk is the nation's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer care, support and research. Since 1989, Memory Walk has raised more than \$260 million for the cause. If you would like to register for the 2009 Bloomington/Normal Memory Walk please visit www.alz.org/illinois or call 847.933.2413.

About the Alzheimer's Association - The Alzheimer's Association, the world leader in Alzheimer research and support, is the largest voluntary health organization dedicated to finding prevention methods, treatments and cure for Alzheimer's. Since 1980, the donor supported, nonprofit Alzheimer's Association has provided reliable information and care consultation; created supportive services for families; increased funding for dementia research; and influenced public policy changes. **The Greater Illinois Chapter** serves 68 counties with offices in Bloomington, Carterville, Chicago, Joliet, Rockford and Springfield. For more information, call our Helpline at 800-272-3900 or visit www.alz.org/illinois.