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Alzheimer's Association – Greater Illinois Chapter to host Two Family Forums for Caregivers

CHICAGO, IL---The Alzheimer's Association – Greater Illinois Chapter will host two family forums for Caregivers on Saturday, June 6, 2009 and Saturday, June 13, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

The forum on June 6 will be held at Wertz Concert Hall, North Central College, 171 East Chicago Avenue, Naperville. The June 13 forum will take place at Wojcik Conference Center, Harper College, 1200 Algonquin Road, Palatine.

"This program was formerly known as the Chicago Family Conference," said Melanie Chavin, vice president of program services for the Chapter. "We decided to re-structure this program so that we can reach more constituents throughout the Greater Chicago Area. This year the forums will focus on current research, non-Alzheimer's dementias, legal issues, support groups, early stage/young onset issues, residential care and understanding challenging behaviors."

In a recent study released by the Alzheimer's Association National Office entitled 2009 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures, it was estimated that nearly 10 million Americans provide unpaid care for a person with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia. In Illinois there are 349,614 Alzheimer's caregivers who provided 301,786,819 hours of unpaid care. The need is growing for well educated caregivers-in two years the first of the "baby boomer" generation will enter the age of greatest risk for development of Alzheimer's or a related dementia.

For more information or to register for a forum please contact Cheryl Dawson at 847.933.2413 or visit www.alz.org/illinois. There is a registration fee of \$25 per person.

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 dozens of 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.