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Alzheimer's Association – Greater Michigan Chapter's 'Walk to End Alzheimer's' for St. Ignace set for Sept. 29

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The Alzheimer's Association – Greater Michigan Chapter will host a "Walk to End Alzheimer's" on Saturday, September 29, at the American Legion Park in St. Ignace (also known as the Red, White and Blue Park).

Registration for the walk will begin at 9 a.m., followed by a brief ceremony at 10 a.m. followed by the walk.

More than 600 communities nationwide participate in "Walk to End Alzheimer's," which is the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research.

"We encourage people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds to help us take the first step towards a world without Alzheimer's by joining us for the Walk to End Alzheimer's," said Jennifer Lepard, president and CEO of the Alzheimer's Association – Greater Michigan Chapter. "With more than five million people in the U.S. suffering from Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia, it is estimated that, this year alone, the disease will cost the nation \$277 billion. This event helps us provide care and support for the 180,000 Michiganders affected by Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia, and helps us to fund important research to end this terrible disease."

Participants who have raised more than \$100 will receive a t-shirt and, on walk day, all registrants will receive a wristband and a Promise Garden flower. Flowers come in four colors to represent the individual's connection to the disease: blue for those with Alzheimer's or dementia, purple for someone who has lost a loved one to the disease, yellow for caregivers and orange for anyone who supports the cause and vision of a world without Alzheimer's.

To donate, visit act.alz.org/walk, select a location then chose an individual or team to support, or the cause in general. All contributions are tax deductible.

“We rely on community support to raise funds and awareness, so very donation is important,” added Lepard.

“Our staff and residents are excited to host this event,” said Lani Fettig, Certified Dementia Practitioner and Activities Supervisor at the Evergreen Living Center in St. Ignace. “We are holding several fundraisers at the hospital leading up to the event, including a lemonade stand, bake sale, can drive and selling the purple paper flowers.”

Barring severe weather, the event will take place rain or shine. For more information on being a sponsor, making a donation, participating in the walk, or becoming a volunteer, contact Lani Fettig at (906) 643-0478.