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The Greater Illinois Chapter to Host Second Annual Caregiver Tribute Luncheon in Joliet

JOLIET, IL---The Alzheimer's Association – Greater Illinois Chapter will host their second annual Caregiver Tribute Luncheon on Friday, November 14, 2008, from 11:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Joliet Area Community Hospice, 250 Water Stone Circle, Joliet.

“Our Tribute Luncheon is designed to honor caregivers for their sacrifice and commitment to keeping persons in need safe, happy and well cared for, both at home and in the community,” said Melanie Adams, Senior Program Manager for the Chapter. “November is National Caregivers Month and National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month. This tribute luncheon will help raise awareness of the important role caregivers play in our society and in our hearts.”

According to a recent study published by the Alzheimer's Association National Office entitled, *2008 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures*, it is estimated that 9.8 million family members, friends and neighbors provided unpaid care for a person with Alzheimer's or another dementia in 2007. In Illinois alone, there are 347,136 unpaid caregivers caring for someone with Alzheimer's disease or another dementia totaling to 299,647,682 hours of unpaid care.

This event is designed to honor both private and professional caregivers. Please note that caregivers can care for someone of any age and with any need. If you are interested in nominating a caregiver please fill out a Caregiver Tribute Luncheon nomination form by visiting www.alz.org/illinois, or by calling 815.744.0804.

Seating is limited for this event, if you would like to attend please call 815.744.0804 or visit www.alz.org/illinois.

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.