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Greater Illinois Chapter Presents Their February Audio Conference: Behaviors as a Form of Communication

More than 347,136 Illinois residents care for someone with Alzheimer's disease.

SPRINGFIELD, IL---The Alzheimer's Association – Greater Illinois Chapter will present the February Audio Conference: Behaviors as a Form of Communication on Tuesday, February 17 from 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. via conference call.

“Behaviors as a Form of Communication’ provides a practical framework to help us understand why behaviors occur and thus how to prevent or circumvent those behaviors,” said James Dearing, Senior Program Manager for the Chapter. “We are offering this as an audio conference so that people from all over the state of Illinois will be able to participate from their homes, offices or where ever they happen to be. Once the participants have registered they will receive a toll free phone number to call into and join the conference.”

Caring for a person with Alzheimer's or another dementia poses special challenges. All though memory loss is the best-known symptom, these diseases also cause loss of judgment, orientation, ability to understand and communicate effectively and changes in personality and behavior. These behavior changes can be very challenging for the caregiver to understand that is why it is important to understand what is going and how to effectively provide quality care. This program will equip the caregiver with the tools needed to understand behaviors as a form of communication.

To register for this free program contact James Dearing in the Springfield office at 217.726.5184 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.

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