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Alzheimer's Association – Greater Illinois Chapter to Host First Annual Bi-National Conference on Alzheimer's Disease to Benefit Chicago's Hispanic/Latino Community

CHICAGO, IL---The Alzheimer's Association – Greater Illinois Chapter will host "No Me Olvides," the first annual bi-national conference on Alzheimer's disease and related dementia's for Chicago's Hispanic/Latino community, on Saturday, October 25, 2008 from 8:45 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the University of Illinois at Chicago Student West Center, 828 S. Wolcott Avenue, Chicago.

"No Me Olvides' is an opportunity for the Hispanic/Latino community in Chicago to come together and learn about Alzheimer's disease," said Constantina Mizis, Manager of Multicultural Outreach for the Chapter. "This conference, entirely spoken in Spanish, will offer an opportunity for everyone affected by this devastating disease the chance to learn about various topics including how to deal with tough decisions, how Alzheimer's disease affects the Hispanic/Latino community, cultural barriers, personal testimonies and a book and resource fair."

The Alzheimer's Association predicts this disease will increase 600 percent among Hispanics and Latinos by 2050. Currently, 200,000 Hispanics suffer from Alzheimer's disease; by 2050 that number is expected to reach 1.3 million. According to the report Alzheimer's disease among the Hispanic Population, Hispanics and Latinos are the fastest growing population and the ethnic group with the longest life expectancy, thus leading to a dramatic rise in their risk for Alzheimer's disease.

To register for "No Me Olvides" call the Greater Illinois Chapter at 847.324.0390 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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