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Caregiver Series Coming to Wheeling

*A program for those caring for loved ones with
Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia.*

CHICAGO, IL---The Alzheimer's Association – Greater Illinois Chapter will host its Caregiver Series on four consecutive Thursdays, from October, 16, 2008 through November 6, 2008 all beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Addolorata Villa, 553 McHenry Road, Wheeling.

"In 2007, there were 347,136 who provided care for persons with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia in the state of Illinois," said Tom Molony, Director of Communications for the Chapter. "As the 'boomer' generation continues to age, the need for well educated caregivers will continue to increase."

The Caregiver Series:

Memory Loss 101 explores the common causes of memory loss, including Alzheimer's disease; the stages of Alzheimer's, the importance of a good medical examination, and current research and treatments.

Understanding & Responding to People with Dementia focuses on common communication challenges and dementia-related behaviors that caregivers often face. Discussions will be centered on tips and techniques on the best ways to interact with a person with dementia and the possible causes of frustration and aggression and how to effectively respond.

Building Caregiver Skills to Manage Stress will help caregivers recognize and minimize signs of stress in their lives and assist in setting realistic expectations of themselves and the person they care for.

Making Meaningful Memories focuses on the fact that people with dementia need to feel a sense of purpose in their lives. In this session, we will share creative ideas that are active, passive, functional or just plain fun, giving your loved one with dementia a sense of purpose.

To register for this free program call the Greater Illinois Chapter at 847.933.2413 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.