

The Fight Against Alzheimer's

The Walks to End Alzheimer's are big deals to Life Care Centers of America. That's true for several reasons, including (1) virtually all of us have family or friends who are, or have been, affected by this form of dementia, (2) we serve that segment of the population affected by it through eight buildings that are exclusively devoted to Alzheimer's victims and about 80 of our centers with a unit, and (3) finding a cure for the malady is a high priority for our society.

All across our company, our centers are leaders in these annual walks, usually held about this time of year. For those of us at corporate headquarters in Cleveland, that event happened this past Saturday. I am delighted to report that our associates here set a record in contributions – \$20,355.80. I am so proud of the caring nature of our associates – here and around the country – as demonstrated by leadership in these community events. (See the Life Care team in the photo below.)



For example, here in Cleveland, the Walk to End Alzheimer's result for our city and county was \$46,235, exceeding the community's goal and a 37.4 percent increase over last year, with money still coming in. This means that Life Care was responsible for nearly half of that total. Don't think that goes unnoticed by Alzheimer's Association and civic leaders.

All the while, the focus is, and must continue to be, on the men and women affected by the disease. And it can happen to any of us. Here is a prayer that each of us may consider:

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Dear Lord:

When the shutters of my mind close, trapping recognition and recall within, please allow your Holy Spirit to ...

- Grant me peace that has eluded me on my journey from birth to now.
- Assure me of security while confusion whirls in the world around me.
- Permeate the depths of my consciousness with the fragrance of loves present and past.
- Serenade my soul with the sweet music of grace and redemption.
- Allow me – although challenged – to seek to be worthy of respect in a community of critics.
- Make me, on my uncertain and unsteady course, a dispenser of kindness in the hope that others will grant it to me.
- Instill serenity in my being to counter flashes of irritability.
- Safeguard my ability to communicate with you, although I may not be able to convey my thoughts to others.
- Bring Your light to the darkness that cloaks my psyche.
- Hold me steady with Your hand as You lead me to my eternal home.

As a child of the King, made in Your image, I surrender my life to the protection and providence of my Father.

Amen.

– Beecher Hunter