

News Release



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Summit County Walks to End Alzheimer's

On September 13, 2018, over 60 Summit County employees participated in a lunchtime walk through the Firestone Park neighborhood in support of the Alzheimer's Association and its Walk to End Alzheimer's initiative.

Alzheimer's affects 50 million people worldwide and approximately 5.7 million in the United States. It is the 6th leading cause of death in the United States. As the American population begins to age at an increasing pace, it is estimated that by 2050, nearly 14 million men and women in the United States will be living with the disease. According to the Alzheimer's Association, it is critical that research into the disease accelerates in the coming years, requiring more funds to support current and future research studies.

“Too many of us have a family member or friend who is suffering from the terrible effects of Alzheimer's disease,” said Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro. “The toll this disease takes on individuals diagnosed with it and their caretakers is immeasurable. We must support continued research and commit ourselves to finding a way to stop, slow, and hopefully, prevent Alzheimer's.”

“Summit County is proud to support Alzheimer's disease awareness,” said At-Large County Council Member Elizabeth Walters. “The funds raised by County employees will help advance crucial research into the treatment and prevention of this devastating disease.”

Participating walkers were sponsored by friends and co-workers in an effort to raise funds to support the Alzheimer's Association. Over \$1,600 was raised and will be donated to the Alzheimer's Association on behalf of the employees of Summit County.

The Akron Walk to End Alzheimer's event will be held on Saturday, September 15, at Canal Park in Downtown Akron. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., followed by a ceremony at 10:00 a.m. The walk will begin at 10:15 a.m. To donate or register for the event, visit http://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2018/OH-GreaterEastOhio?pg=entry&fr_id=11437. For additional information, contact Stephanie Mueller at 234-284-2752.

For more information and how you can get involved in the fight against Alzheimer's:

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