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Mother Do You know My Name

Mother Do You know My Name Mother do you know me Oh Mother who am I

You knew me in your womb with every move, you cherished You knew me as I entered into this world so very, very scary

With your warm smile so dear and the love I felt so near As they placed me upon your heart I gave out a great cheer Mother, I know you know me because you calmed all my fears

When I kept you up late at night singing, praying and pleading That the lord will hear your prayers just for little oh me....he

You knew me when I left your arms the very first time for school As I raised my hand to say goodbye Oh Mother please don't cry I saw a tear run down your face Mother I know it's hard but don't Forget how I kept you up praying to our God

You knew me when it was time to let go; oh boy that was hard But you taught me the most important thing of all To put your trust in God

You knew my children; you shared the same with them Mother you knew all your children's, children, children and I know you know their names

Now you are old and walking with a cane Alzheimer's has crept in your veins, trying to steal your flame let nothing steal your joy

That is what you taught me thus far

You don't have to know my name still I will cheer you on Praying and singing to ease your pain together we will fight To the bone letting Alzheimer's know that we are strong And God is never wrong

I love you Mother and face to face we will win this race.

By Dora Jones Fisher of Little Rock, Arkansas









August

8/15

Park Hill Baptist Church, NLR

8/17

Memory Café, Alzheimer's Arkansas 10 am

8/17

Family Caregiver Grant Carelink Workshop Lonoke County Senior Center 11 am

8/18

Family Caregiver Grant Carelink Workshop Cabot Senior Center 11 am

8/20

River Valley Alzheimer's Walk L.V. Williamson Boys & Girls Club 8 am

8/20

Night Out with the Travelers Dickey Stephens Ball Park 6 pm



8/27

LR Parrotheads
Pancake Breakfast,
Applebee's, LR
8 am



See Page 3 for more details on the Family Caregiver Support Program

Sign up your for the walks at www.alzark.org/ alzheimers-arkansas-walks/





September

Happy Labor Day

9/5 Labor Day, Alzheimer's Arkansas Office Closed

9/9

Helena/ West Helena
Hope for the Future
UAMS - East
8 am

9/10

Faulkner County Alzheimer's Walk Conway West High 8 am

9/12

1st Monday Support Group (Rescheduled due to Labor Day) Alzheimer's Arkansas 12 pm

Volunteer for us



Email:
elise.stuart@alzark.org
to learn how to get
involved with us!

9/16

Support Group Facilitator Training Alzheimer's Arkansas Offices 9 am

To start a support group in your area please email Priscilla.pittman@alzark.org for more information.





9/17

Hot Springs Downtown Alzheimer's Walk Exchange Parking Plaza 9 am

9/21

Memory Café, Alzheimer's Arkansas Offices 10 am

9/24

Little Rock Alzheimer's Walk Little Rock Zoo 7:30 am



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We are here for you 24/7! After hours, weekends and holidays caregiver help line Toll Free: (800) 689-6090 We are looking for
Caregiver stories to share on
Caregiver Wednesdays,
please share yours and use
#caregiverwednesday #cgw
on Facebook, twitter,
and Instagram!!







If you would prefer to have this newsletter by email and not by mail, please email elise.stuart@alzark.org.

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DO YOU NEED HELP CARING FOR YOUR LOVED ONE?

WE HAVE AN APP FOR THAT!

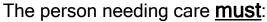


FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT PROGRAM

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS FOR RESPITE CARE

Respite care is any service that gives the primary caregiver relief from caregiving to rest or finish other tasks that are difficult to complete while actively caregiving. Examples of such services include:

- In-home care provided by private caregivers
- In- home agency with professional caregivers
- Adult day care
- Or a short-term stay in a long-term care facility, such as an assisted living or nursing facility



- Be at least 60 years old
- Have a chronic illness (not limited to Alzheimer's or related dementia)
- Live in Pulaski, Faulkner, Saline, Prairie, Monroe, or Lonoke County

Grants are a 1 time per year award of \$500 to be used within 3 months of approval.

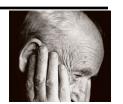


For an application or more information, please call 501-224-0021 or 800-689-6090 (outside of Pulaski County)

Alzheimer's Arkansas Programs and Services
201 Markham Center Drive, Little Rock AR 72205
www.alzark.org/caregivers/grants



Call us at 800-689-6090, 501-224-0021 or 24/7 after-hours emergency number, 501-913-1878.



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DEHYDRATION

The process of losing or removing moisture. A condition water or caused by the excessive loss of body, the Word causes a rise in blood levels. water from which sodium

Since dehydration is most often caused by excessive sweating, vomiting, or diarrhea, water loss usually accompanied by deficiency of electrolytes.

"When you feel thirsty, you are already dehydrated."



August



Thomas & Thomas Volunteers (Left to right) Taylor Crow, Taylor McKnight, and Bo Stitch.

Our good friends at Thomas & Thomas have helped volunteer as well as given financial support to many of our events. Our volunteers are not just one person – but 40! Since 1953 Thomas & Thomas has served the Little Rock and Texarkana communities with outstanding service. Thomas & Thomas is a locally owned and managed certified accounting firm that supports countless nonprofit organizations including Alzheimer's Arkansas! Our long-lasting relationship and mutual trust helped us to form a friend partnership that now includes manpower with setting up walks and other events. Our thanks to Randy Mullikin and all the folks at Thomas & Thomas for your faith and friendship!

September



Ret. Hon. Buddy & Beverly Villines

Beverly Villines is a constant friend and advocate for her Support groups members, she is a great friend to not only Alzheimer's Arkansas but also to countless organizations she has been apart of over her lifetime. She currently leads two support groups at Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church and serves as the Door Prize/Entertainment chair for the Little Rock Walk.



I AM NOT ALONE By Priscilla Pittman, MSW, MA

"I am not alone" is a phrase we hear often following a person attending their first support group meeting or Hope workshop. Caregivers are often isolated because many friends and family members abandon them when they notice a personality change or hear the dementia diagnosis. The caregiver may be reluctant to reach out and include others. In addition, the person living with dementia may become depressed or confused and prefer to avoid the company of others in order to feel more comfortable.



Support groups offer a wide range of assistance. For many the opportunity to express themselves is the most important. Others may sit, listen and learn before wanting to talk. The struggles faced by many can be shared and personal insight can provide much needed guidance. Quitting your job, understanding sun-downing, managing family conflict, balancing or juggling the lengthy list of

tasks you've assumed...the topics are numerous. And the assurance that confidentiality is primary makes the group a <u>safe place</u>.

We assist facilitators with some information and they farm their local resources to help families create a plan or check list we affectionately refer to as Plan B. The journey with dementia can be more easily traveled if we have our legal information in place. The living will and durable power of attorney will make decision making easier to manage.

Similarly, it pays to look ahead, and in these groups we often find a diverse population; from the newly diagnosed to the person seeking advice regarding hospice, most have learned a great deal about navigating through the often rocky terrain of dementia. Looking down the road and making inquiries about adult day programs, home care, assisted living or long-term-care and having an idea of what we might choose is valuable information. But don't just store these thoughts and ideas in your head, share them with your family and document them in case needed in an emergency.

In any event, our financial support can smooth out a few pot holes in the journey. Check out our website, www.alzark.org and print a copy of the grant that applies to you. Contact Belinda Pedigo at our office for answers to your questions. This money is designed to give caregivers a much needed break; call Belinda and ask for some ideas if you are unsure about using the grant. Each Area Agency on Aging in the USA has received grant money; if you are not in the counties served by CareLink check with your Area Agency on Aging for grant information.

Bear in mind, this disease can be fatal to caregivers! Stress and stress-related illnesses can take you down before the person you are providing care; is your family prepared to provide care for you and the person with dementia? According to The National Alliance for Caregiving, we have more than 34 million caregivers in our nation who often neglect their own health. Look in the mirror, please take time for you! (http://thenationshealth.aphapublications.org/content/46/5/1.4.full)

You are not alone; reach out and let us help you find what you need. We can also help you with a grant, workshop or support group!

DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Talk the Walk

For all information about our upcoming Walk, Rally and Strolls, go to: www.alzark.org/alzheimers-arkansas-walks

2016 Save The Dates

8/13 - Yard Sale - Conway

www.alzarkconway.weebly.com www.facebook.com/AlzArkConway

8/20 - River Valley Alzheimer's Walk

www.alzark.org/alzheimers-arkansas-walks/ or www.facebook.com/alzheimers.arkansas

9/10 - Faulkner County Alzheimer's Walk

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9/17 - Hot Springs Alzheimer's Walk

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9/24 - Little Rock Alzheimer's Walk at the Zoo

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10/8 - Van Buren County Alzheimer's Walk

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For information or questions contact Barbara Jensen at barbara.jensen@alzark.org or 501-224-0021.



Glen Campbell's Family Honorary Statewide Chairmen of the Walks

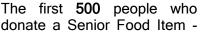


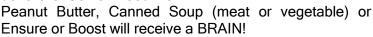
Angela Frazier, niece Shane Frazier, nephew Barbara Frazier, sister Sandy Brink, sister

The Campbell family be at all the Walks this year to talk about their Uncle and Brother and what the family is facing with his illness.

A Night OUT to Remember with the Arkansas Travelers on August 20th

Alzheimer's Arkansas will be at the game to hand out information on our programs and services for caregivers. Come out and cheer on the Travelers!

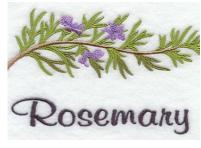




Tickets can be bought on the Travelers website www.travs.com or at the box office the day of the game.

Remember & honor your friend or loved one by adding their photograph to our **Memory Wall**, call Barbara at 501-224-0021 for information.





The Rosemary Society will allow you to combine your charitable giving goals with your estate and financial planning goals. Your gift will provide lasting benefits through our Programs and Services for caregivers. We offer planned giving arrangements that are feasible for donors of all income levels. The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016 made permanent qualified charitable deductions (QCDs) from individual retirement accounts of up to \$100,000. This provision will allow all of us to make up to \$100,000 a year in contributions directly from our IRAs to charity. From and after January 1, 2016, you and your spouse can each give up to \$100,000 per year in qualifying charitable distributions from your IRA to public

charities if you have reached age 70 1/2. To become a member of the Rosemary Society, contact Elise or Barbara at 501-224-0021.

SUPPORT GROUPS AND CONTACT PERSONS THROUGHOUT ARKANSAS

Support groups are free to attend and confidential. Financial Assistance is available if needed.

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****BATESVILLE - 2nd Thurs Ken Harper	(870) 751-9002	****JACKSONVILLE - 2nd Mon. @ 7:00 pm Priscilla Pittman (501) 224-0021
****BEEBE - 3rd Thurs. Sandra Garrett	@ 3:00 pm (501) 882-3969	****JONESBORO - 1st Tues. @ 10:00 am Jana Wineland (870) 565-5033 Amber Bass (870) 932-2462
****BENTON - 3rd Tues. Richard Mills	@ 7:00 pm (501) 315-0087	****JONESBORO - 2nd Tues. @ 10:00 am
BENTON - 3rd Thurs. Azy Crabb Diana Ferrell	@ 2:00 pm (501) 778-6260 (501) 315-0160	Cheryl Hamm (870) 930-2226 Shirley Crawford (870) 935-4672 *LITTLE ROCK - 1st Mon. @ 12:00 pm
****BERRYVILLE - 3rd Thurs	@ 10:00 am	Priscilla Pittman (501) 224-0021
	(870) 423-6114	******LITTLE ROCK - 4th Mon. @ 6:00 pm Janet Nelson (501) 412-5683
*****CAMDEN - 3rd Wed. Nancy Bailey	@ 1:00 pm (870) 234-7410	******LITTLE ROCK - 1st Tues. @ 10:30 am Beth Allen (501) 686-6219
*****CAMDEN 2nd Tue Traci Caldwell	s @ 5:00 pm (870) 866 - 7589	******LITTLE ROCK - 1st Thurs. @ 1:00 pm Janet Nelson (501) 412-5683 Rev. Karen Akin (501) 227-0000
****CHEROKEE VILLAGE - :	3rd Wed. @ 1:30 pm	
Misty French *CLARKSVILLE - 4th Thurs.	(870) 994-2341 @ 5:30 pm	******LITTLE ROCK - 1st Tues. @ 6:00 pm Debbie Rawn (501) 952-4182
Nicholle Dorn *CLINTON - 1st Wed.	(479) 264-5833 @ 2:00 pm	*******LITTLE ROCK - 1st & 3rd Tues. @ 6:00 p Doug Ballinger (501) 253-1238
DK Olmstead	(501) 745-9495	******LITTLE ROCK - 2nd Tues. @ 5:30 pm Beverly Villines (501) 350-5053
*CONWAY - 1st Tues. Kathy Jette	@ 7:00 pm (501) 450-7528	****LITTLE ROCK - 2nd Tues. @ 11:00 am PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP
*CONWAY - 2nd Thurs. Kenneth Priest	@ 7:00 pm (501) 730-3582	Priscilla Pittman (501-224-0021 ******LITTLE ROCK - 3rd Tues. @ 1:00 pm
*DARDENELLE - 3rd Thurs. Billie Holsomback Lori Kamerling	@ 2:00 pm (501) 321-2811	Beverly Villines (501) 350-5053
Lori Kamerling ****EL DORADO - 3rd Thurs		******LITTLE ROCK - 2nd Wed. @ 12:30 pm Rene Simmons (501) 256-1461
	(870) 234-7410	****LITTLE ROCK - 3rd Wed. @ 10:00 am MEMORY CAFÉ
*FAIRFIELD BAY - 3rd Wed. Ron Henson	@ 2:00 pm (501) 745-7004	Priscilla Pittman (501) 224-0021
	(501) 253-4698	******LITTLE ROCK - 3rd Thurs. @ 1:00 pm Janet Nelson (501) 412-5683
FORREST CITY - 2nd Thu		**LITTLE ROCK - 4th Tues. @ 7:00 pm
Felisa Stewart Janis Waddy	(870) 270-6219 (494) 870-3300	Priscilla Pittman (501) 224-0021
******HARRISON - 1st Wed. Michelle Byler	@ 11:30 am (870) 743-1623	*******LITTLE ROCK - 4th Thurs. @ 1:00 pm CURE PSP
***HEBER SPRINGS - 4th To Nicki Stacy	ues @ 3:30 pm (501) 362-3185	Randi Haley (870) 703-6417 ***MALVERN - 3rd Wed. @ 11:00 am
***HENSLEY - 1st Thurs.	@ 7:00 pm	Ruth Ann Crites (501) 332-5248 June Haynes (501) 332-5248
*HOT SPRINGS - 2nd Mon.	(501) 626-4529	*****MARSHALL- 2nd Tues. @ 2:00 pm Martina Timmons (501) 745-7004 ext. 2
Dian Masingill	@ 2:00 pm (501) 623-2881	**MONTICELLO - 3rd Tues.
*****HOT SPRINGS - 2nd Tu LEWY BODY SUPPOR	T GROUP	Pam Leeper (870) 367-6852
Nancy Rogers Elise Siegler	(501) 760-8495 (501) 224-0021	***** MT. HOME - 4th Fri. @ 3:00 pm Diahanne VanGulick (870) 508-3880
*HOT SPRINGS - 3rd Tues. Amy Thomason	@ 4:00 pm (501) 209-1950	*****MT. VIEW - 1st Monday @ 6:00 pm Teresa Cheatham (870) 368-4522
*H.S.V 4th Thurs. Amy Thomason	@ 3:00 pm (501) 209-1950	**NEWPORT - 1st Wed. @ 5:30pm Courtney Snow (870) 219-3745

****N. LITTLE ROCK - 1st Wed. @ 9:30 am Ashley Meggers (501) 257-3335 ****N. LITTLE ROCK - 3rd Thurs. @ 11:30 am (501) 681-3531 C.J. Shane *PARAGOULD - 2nd Thurs. @ 3:00 pm **MEMORY CAFE** Jana Wineland (870) 565-5033 *PARAGOULD - 3rd Thurs. @ 2:00 pm CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP (870) 565-5033 Jana Wineland ***PINE BLUFF - 3rd Mon. @ 11:00 am Carolyn Ferguson (870) 543-6300 **RISON - 1st Friday @ 5:00 pm Nadia Owen (870) 220-1152 *RUSSELLVILLE - 4th Tues. @ 2:00 pm (479) 498-2050 Shelly Jones Jerry England (479) 498-2050 Rhonda Horton (479) 264-3109 *SEARCY - 2nd Tues. @ 3:00 pm (501) 268-6490 Marjorie Ryan 0 pm *SEARCY -1st & 3rd Mon. @ 6:30 pm Martha Vendetti (501) 266-8613 *****STUTTGART - 2nd Thurs. @ 12:00 pm **Charles Proctor** (870) 830-1170 Barbara Jensen, Support Group Liaison Charlene Hooten, Support Group Liaison *** Belinda Pedigo, Support Group Liaison **** Priscilla Pittman, Support Group Liaison Elise Siegler, Support Group Liaison ***** Elise N. Stuart, Support Group Liaison

For other Support Groups meeting in Arkansas, please call our offices at 501-224-0021. We will get you in touch with those groups.



Support Group Facilitator Training will be September 16, 2016 from 9 am till 4 pm.

For more information call Priscilla Pittman at (501) 224-0021.

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Helena / West Helena **HOPE for the Future**

Registration

September 9, 2016

Seating is limited. Please register early! No refunds after August 29, 2016 will be given. NO CHARGE for family caregivers, unless requesting CEUs. ALL professionals and family caregivers please enclose payment or credit card payment.

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The 3rd Annual Helena/West Helena Hope for the Future Education workshop will be held on Friday, September 9, from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. The Workshop will be held at the UAMS East Campus in West Helena and will include professionals in the field of Alzheimer's presenting information on the disease, challenging behaviors, nutritional needs. and stress relief. This FREE event for family and friend caregivers Continuing Education credits (CEUs) will be offered to professional caregivers. Light breakfast and lunch will be provided at no cost. Immediately following lunch, caregivers are invited to attend "Coffee and Conversation" gathering hosted by Priscilla Pittman, MA, MSW, Program Director at Alzheimer's Arkansas. The Helena/West Helena community showing their support. Many THANKS to the residents and Businesses sponsoring the Helena/West Helena Hope for the Future:

Presenting Sponsor: Cooke Family Gold Sponsor: Pafford's Medical Supplies

Silver Sponsor: Southern Bancorp

Bronze Sponsors: Hickory Hills Pharmacy

and Rotary Club

Facility Sponsor- UAMS East

Register for Walks



Tag Ellie at your walk by using #EllietheCar ingElephant Check the Walk (s):

River Valley Walk - August 20th

Early Registration: 8/17 at Area Agency on Aging from 1 - 5 pm

Faulkner County Walk - September 10th

Early Registration: 9/6 at The Carpet Center from 2 - 7 pm

_Hot Springs Walk - September 17th Early Registration: 9/14 at Area Agency on Aging from 11 - 6 pm

Little Rock Walk - September 24th Early Registration: 9/19 - 9/21 at

Alzheimer's Arkansas Offices from 9-5 pm

Van Buren County Walk - October 8th

Early Registration: 10/5 at Wal-Mart

Parking Lot from 1 - 6 pm

Walk Registration Name: Address: City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____ Employer/School: I will be walking as (circle one) Team Captain Team Member Individual Team Name: Team Captain's Name:

You can mail this page back to Alzheimer's Arkansas at 201 Markham Center Drive, Little Rock 72205 to register yourself or your team or you can go to www.alzark.org for online registration.

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