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Alzheimer’s Walk October 17 at ABAC

TIFTON – The campus of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College will be the site for this year’s Alzheimer’s Association Walk to End Alzheimer’s on Oct. 17. The Alzheimer’s Walk is hosted by ABAC’s School of Human Sciences, and students, faculty, staff, and administrators are helping in a variety of ways for this worthy cause.

ABAC’s Alpha Gamma Rho (AGR) fraternity contributes regularly to the Alzheimer’s Association, the fraternity’s national philanthropy. The fraternity is helping to set up the stage for the event. Most recently, AGR held a barrel race competition at the ABAC Rodeo Arena with all proceeds going to the Alzheimer’s Association. Since 2013, AGR has raised over $9,000 for the local Alzheimer’s Association.

Faculty members and students in the School of Liberal Arts and the School of Human Sciences are both raising money for the Walk. Donna Campbell, assistant professor of physical education and logistics chair of the Tifton Walk, said her Wellness and Human Experience class will volunteer at the Walk as a community “Give Back” project. Coach Jennifer Martinez and the ABAC softball team will volunteer on the day of the Walk, assisting with registration, logistics, and other needs.
State Representative Penny Houston is scheduled to open the Walk to End Alzheimer’s at 9 a.m. The Walk is a 2.8 mile walk which begins and ends at the ABAC track. A tribute to those who have experienced or continue to experience Alzheimer’s will be a part of the event.

The Alzheimer’s Association Walk to End Alzheimer’s is the world’s largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer’s care, support and research. Since 1989, the Alzheimer’s Association has mobilized millions of Americans in the Alzheimer’s Association Memory Walk®. Now the Alzheimer’s Association is continuing to lead the way with Walk to End Alzheimer’s.

Alzheimer’s is a growing epidemic and the nation’s sixth-leading cause of death. As baby boomers age, the number of individuals living with Alzheimer’s will rapidly escalate, increasing well beyond the current number of more than five million Americans to as many as 16 million by 2050. In Georgia alone, there are 130,000 people living with Alzheimer’s.

To start or join a team today, visit the Alzheimer’s Association at www.georgiawalk.org and click on Tifton.