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JAQUITH NURSING HOME SUPPORTS WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

WHITFIELD —More than 30 people joined the Jaquith Nursing Home team on Saturday, Oct. 1 as they walked in the Alzheimer's Association "Walk to End Alzheimer's" at The Renaissance in Ridgeland.

After weeks of recruiting team members and raising funds, the JNH team was able to raise more than \$1,000 to contribute to the Alzheimer's Association's efforts to defeating the disease, which is the sixth-leading cause of death in the United States, and the fifth-leading cause of death for Americans older than 65. The walk, held annually in the fall in nearly 600 communities nationwide, is the Alzheimer's Association's biggest fundraiser of the year. Since 1989 it has brought out millions of people to join the fight against Alzheimer's disease.

Working at a long-term care facility, employees of Jaquith Nursing Home often see the effects of the disease up close and personal. Because of that experience, their family and friends joined them to help make up the walk team.

"Alzheimer's Disease is so heart-wrenching for both family members and caregivers," JNH team leader Holly Haralson said. "We serve many people who have this dreadful disease here at Jaquith Nursing Home. I am so grateful for everyone's dedication for this year's event. Our efforts will not go unnoticed and we will continue to fight for a cure."

Founded in 1976, Jaquith Nursing Home is a 423-bed long-term care facility dedicated to serving individuals who are in need of nursing care in a safe and comfortable therapeutic environment. The nursing home is located on the 350-acre campus of Mississippi State Hospital at Whitfield. JNH is accredited by The Joint Commission.

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PHOTO ATTACHED: Pictured are Jaquith Nursing Home employees, along with their friends and family, who participated in the 2011 Walk to End Alzheimer's on Saturday, Oct. 1. The team raised more than \$1,000 to donate to the Alzheimer's Association.