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MISSISSIPPI STATE HOSPITAL 'PAINTS IT PURPLE' TO SUPPORT ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

WHITFIELD—Mississippi State Hospital employees showed up to work on Wednesday, September 21 ready to “Paint It Purple” in support of the Mississippi Alzheimer’s Association.

The event was a part of the run up to the Walk to End Alzheimer’s, the largest fundraising event of the year for the Alzheimer’s Association. Mississippi State Hospital and Jaquith Nursing Home staff members are participating in the walk, helping to put together a team and raise funds. As part of Alzheimer’s Action Day on Sept. 21, they wore purple, donned Alzheimer’s Association wristbands, and pinned buttons on their uniforms to show their support.

The day was especially poignant as Jaquith Nursing Home, located on the MSH campus, also held its annual senior citizens’ banquet that day. In addition to the purple bows up around the campus and all the staff dressed in purple, the banquet was adorned with purple balloons and other decorations showing the united efforts employees have been putting up to help the Alzheimer’s Association in their quest to end the disease.

The Walk to End Alzheimer’s will be Saturday, October 1 at 9 a.m. at the Renaissance in Ridgeland. Everyone is invited to come and join a team. Those who feel they can’t complete the walk can participate in other ways; anyone may donate to a team, and even just come to the walk to show their support.

“Alzheimer’s is a devastating disease, and that’s something we can see up and close and personal,” JNH walk team leader Holly Haralson said. “We want to do our part to end this disease, and we hope plenty of people in the community join us to help do that.”

MSH, a facility of the Mississippi Department of Mental Health, was founded in 1855 and facilitates improvement in the quality of life for Mississippians who are in need of mental health, chemical dependency or nursing home services, by rehabilitating to the least restrictive environment, utilizing a range of psychiatric and medical services, which reflect the accepted standard of care and are in compliance with statutory and regulatory guidelines. The hospital is accredited by the Joint Commission.

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PHOTO ATTACHED: Paint It Purple – Mississippi State Hospital employees showed their support for the Alzheimer’s Association Walk to End Alzheimer’s on September 21 when they dressed in purple, donned wristbands, wore buttons and decorated the hospital with purple ribbons in honor of the event. Employees are participating in the walk on Saturday, Oct. 1.