# 2024 TEAM CAPTAIN GUIDE ALZHEIMER'S ALZHEIMER'S RS ASSOCIATION

# Hello, Team Captain!

Welcome to the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's<sup>®</sup>! This disease affects our families, friends, co-workers and communities. But because you walk, the end of Alzheimer's is closer than ever. And with treatment advances that offer people facing the disease hope for more time with loved ones, your leadership has never been more important.

Teams of friends, family, co-workers and neighbors are the heart of Walk to End Alzheimer's. As a Team Captain, YOU will build excitement, lead your team, and set and achieve goals to move our mission forward.



The Alzheimer's Association<sup>®</sup> leads the way to end Alzheimer's and all other dementia — by accelerating global research, driving risk reduction and early detection, and maximizing quality care and support.

Our promise to you: We're here for you every step of the way! This guide is meant to help you build your dream team, then set and reach your goals. We've got plenty of tips and tools, and your Association staff or volunteer partner is available to support you. Visit alz.org/findus to locate your nearest Alzheimer's Association office and connect with your staff or volunteer partner.



#### Download the free, easy-to-use ALZ Fundraising app, which allows you to:

- » Update your personal Walk page.
- » Send fundraising messages and track your progress.
- » Deposit checks.
- » And more!

Visit alz.org/walk, log in to your account and go to your online



#### **Participant Center**

(click on the link found in the top right-hand corner), a hub of resources on on fundraising, recruitment and more!



People in your community will be excited to join you in the fight against Alzheimer's — they just need to be asked! Invite your network to join your Walk team and advance the mission of the Alzheimer's Association. We suggest a team of 12-15 registered participants, but teams of all sizes are welcome.

#### FOLLOW THESE 3 EASY STEPS:

**Set up your team webpage.** Go to your online Participant Center to build a team webpage, including photos and your team's reason to end Alzheimer's.



**Ask and follow up.** Use your "sphere of influence" to think of people you can ask to join or donate to your team. Your Participant Center has pre-written recruitment emails that you can personalize with your connection to the cause.



**Build excitement.** Get your team energized for Walk with an in-person or virtual kickoff. You could host a party, gather on Zoom, or meet up for coffee or ice cream.

Log in to your Participant Center or ALZ Fundraising app to start recruiting today!



Identify your "sphere of influence." Jot down the names of people you know from each category.

Don't let geography get in the way! Invite your long-distance contacts to participate virtually.

# **GROW YOUR FUNDRAISING**



### **DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT!**

Many employers offer programs to match charitable contributions made by their employees. Ask your team and donors to visit **alz.org/walkmatch** and search for their company. Every dollar you and your team raise helps advance the care, support and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association. Here are tips to set an ambitious goal and reach it!

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**Set goals — and aim high!** Team Captains who set goals for their team raise three times more than those who don't. The average Walk team raises \$2,000. Schedule time to meet with your staff or volunteer partner to strategize — they are here to help you succeed!

- Get organized. Get creative! Make a list of fundraising possibilities that are easy, fun and get everyone involved. You could invite co-workers to "Wear It for ALZ" to have fun with their wardrobe while making a difference. Host a purple party (with attire, decor and snacks in the Association's signature color) and ask for donations. Or ask friends and local businesses to contribute items for a silent auction. Your Participant Center is full of more great ideas and practical tips.
- Lead by example. Kick off your personal fundraising by setting a big goal and making a self-donation! No matter the amount, it shows your dedication and will motivate your team members to do the same.

#### Become a Champion.

There are special recognitions for individual participants who reach certain fundraising levels. As a Champion, you'll receive perks, acknowledgment on your local Walk website, an exclusive Champions area on Walk day and more. There are additional rewards and incentives at each level:

- » Champions raise at least \$500.
- » Grand Champions raise at least \$1,000.
- » Elite Grand Champions raise at least \$2,500.

Check out the enclosed incentive flyer to learn more and share with your team.

# **FUNDRAISING FACTS**

Take it on the go: ALZ Fundraising app users bring in an average of almost \$600 — those who don't use the app raise about \$140.



#### Diversify your efforts:

People who fundraise through both online (e.g., social media) and offline activities (e.g., a purple party) raise eight times more than single-channel fundraisers.

#### Connect your network:

Participants who create a Facebook Fundraiser through their Participant Center raise over \$500 more than those who do not.



#### your story:

Those who add their personal story to their fundraising webpage raise nearly four times as much as people who leave their page as is.

Recruit others to join you:



On average, teams raise over five times as much as individual participants.

Start early:



as those who start later.



Shift your focus:



Focus on the number of gifts instead of the dollar amount. On average, our Champions secure seven gifts each.



### Tips to prepare your team for Walk day:

Plan ahead. Check out your Walk's website to ensure you know the address and parking details.

Show your purple! In addition to your Walk T-shirts, have fun with head-to-toe purple outfits or costumes, make team buttons, meaningful signs and more.

**Share your experience.** Share with your social networks live from the event. Include the hashtags #Walk2EndAlz and #ENDALZ.

For 24/7 Alzheimer's care and support, call 800.272.3900.



# 2024 Incentive Program

You must be a registered participant to earn incentive gifts. Register for a Walk to End Alzheimer's<sup>®</sup> event in your area at **alz.org/walk**.



2024 Walk to End Alzheimer's participant T-shirt

\$100



Crossbody sling backpack or shatter-resistant flip-top sports bottle

\$300



Fleece travel blanket (48" x 53") or polycanvas tote bag AND Champion medal

\$500\*



Insulated cooler backpack or The North Face® fleece-lined beanie





Laptop backpack, toiletry bag and

40-oz stainless steel tumbler \$1,500

tech organizer or belt bag and



Samsonite<sup>®</sup> wheeled duffel bag or Cuisinart<sup>®</sup> bamboo 13-piece grill set AND Elite Grand Champion Clique Lift Eco Performance unisex crewneck sweatshirt

## \$2,500\*



Folding captain's chair or mophie® Power Boost

10,000 mAh Power Bank AND Grand Champion

Team 365 Zone performance long-sleeved T-shirt

\$1.000\*

mophie<sup>®</sup> 4-in-1 universal wireless charging mat or nutribullet<sup>®</sup> blender combo

## \$5,000



Patagonia<sup>®</sup> Nano Puff jacket<sup>\*\*</sup> or YETI<sup>®</sup> 12-oz Hotshot Bottle, BBTEK Lightshow waterproof speaker and The North Face<sup>®</sup> connector backpack

\$7.500



Sonos® One SL speaker or 13-quart Corkcicle® Chillpod

## \$10,000

\*Denotes the Champion levels.

\*\*Available in men's and women's styles.

Individuals who reach the fundraising minimums for the participant T-shirt, Champion medal, Grand Champion T-shirt and Elite Grand Champion sweatshirt will receive these items in addition to their selected incentive prize.

Visit your Participant Center at alz.org/walk for fundraising tools, tips and ideas.

Gifts are not cumulative; only one item is awarded to each fundraiser. Fundraiser may select one item at or below the level achieved. All items subject to availability.

Redemption certificates will be sent via email after the event. Contact your local chapter for the fundraising deadline. Need help with your certificate or redeeming your prize? Call **855.462.7263** or email **ALZ.incentives@halo.com**.

# **BECAUSE WE WALK, THERE IS HOPE.**



TEAM NAME:



\*Individuals who meet the fundraising minimum will earn one Walk participant T-shirt. In most cases, this minimum is \$100; in some places, it is higher.