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## Association hopes for another successful year

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Walkers will take part in the annual Memory Walk Saturday to help raise money for Alzheimer's research and support programs. The walk begins at 7:30 a.m. at the Behring Senior center in Monroe.

for the Green County Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk, scheduled to begin at 7:30 a.m. Saturday at the Behring Senior C 1113 10th St.

About 140 people took part in the Memory Walk last year, raising about \$22,000.

In 2008, over 2,000 walked as part of the South Central Wisconsin Chapter's seven Memory Walk events, Miriam Boegel, Dev Director for the Alzheimer's Association, said.

They walked for a variety of reasons. They might walk because they have family members who suffer from the disease, or they know someone who has the disease.

Some walk just because they want to make a difference and raise money to fight an illness that affects about five million people

According to the Alzheimer's Association Web site, [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org), Alzheimer's destroys brain cells which causes problems with r thinking and behavior severe enough to affect work, life-long hobbies or social life. Eventually it gets worse and is can be fatal.

Alzheimer's is more than just forgetfulness often associated with people who are getting older.

According to the Alzheimer's Association, people with Alzheimer's:

- Use poor judgment and have poor decision making skills.
- Can't manage a budget.
- Lose track of the date or the season.
- Have difficulty having a conversation.
- Misplace things and being unable to retrace steps to find them.

Boegel said people can still register to walk or sign up a team from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Friday or at 7:30 a.m. Saturday at the Behring Senior Center.

Money raised helps support programs and services, such as support for caregivers and people who have recently been diagnosed with the disease.

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