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welcome: new ambassadors

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Welcome Lori Wengerd and Evan DuBro to the Alzheimer's Association Ambassadors program. As Alzheimer's Ambassadors, they are part of a select group of dedicated advocate leaders throughout the country who play a critical role in helping the Alzheimer's Association meet its federal legislative goals.

The Ambassador program is designed to enhance the Association's federal legislative agenda by building relationships between Ambassadors and their own members of Congress and staff. Ambassadors are tasked with holding congressional representatives accountable on their commitments to fight Alzheimer's disease. Ambassadors have been instrumental in passing key legislation, including the historic National Alzheimer's Project Act, and we intend to build on that success moving forward.

Lori Wengerd and Evan DuBro are strong, committed advocates in our Chapter service area and we commend them for taking on this additional advocacy role. They will have the full support of Chapter staff. Throughout the year the Association will provide a number of training opportunities and a variety of activities. Our hope is that experience as an Ambassador is deeply rewarding and educational. This is a very exciting time for us.

Lori Wengerd is a member of Alzheimer's Women's Association to Reach and Engage (AWARE), dedicated Alzheimer's advocate, volunteer, successful business woman and owner of Home Care Assistance of Ohio. Lori's passion to improve the lives of those living with Alzheimer's or another dementia makes her a natural Ambassador to Congressman Steve Stivers (Ohio District 15). Congressman Stivers is in his first term, and both he and his staff have demonstrated their interest in our mission.

Evan DuBro is an advocate, caregiver, speaker's bureau volunteer, service provider, entrepreneur and owner of Our Family Home. Evan will be working closely with Congressman Pat Tiberi (Ohio District 12) and his staff. Congressman Tiberi has been an early supporter in the fight against Alzheimer's disease and dementia. We know we can count on accessibility with him and his staff.

We will be reporting on the Ambassadors in future articles. If you would like to learn more about advocacy efforts including the Ambassador program, please contact Gail Thomas at 614-457-6003 or email gail.thomas@alz.org.

Lori Wengerd



Evan DuBro

alzheimer's association testifies at congressional hearings

The Alzheimer's Association recently testified before Congress on behalf of Americans living with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias who rely on both Medicare and Medicaid (dual-eligibles). On behalf of the Association, Vice President for Public Policy Robert Egge spoke about issues such as access to care, care coordination, innovation and alignment for people with Alzheimer's using both Medicare and Medicaid, as well as the Association's ongoing efforts to provide them and their unpaid caregivers with care and support. During this Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health hearing, Egge had the opportunity to discuss the HOPE for Alzheimer's Act before the committee with Rep. Ed Markey (MA-07), the sponsor of the bill in the House of Representatives. You will find more information on legislative priorities at www.alz.org/join_the_cause_advocacy.asp.