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**JAQUITH NURSING HOME NAMED ‘BRONZE CHAMPION’ IN WALK TO
END ALZHEIMER’S**

WHITFIELD —A team from Jaquith Nursing Home was just one of many that participated in the Walk to End Alzheimer’s on Saturday, Sept. 15 at the Mississippi Museum of Art. The walk is a fundraising and awareness event for the Alzheimer’s Association, the largest private, non-profit funder of Alzheimer’s support.

At the walk, Jaquith Nursing Home was named a “Bronze Champion” for its participation and fundraising support. The nursing home, located on the campus of Mississippi State Hospital, has participated in the walk for several years, but had its highest participation ever at this year’s walk.

“I want to thank each and every person who was a part of the JNH team at the Walk to End Alzheimer’s,” JNH Director Dr. Marc Lewis said. “Because of their support, we had the highest turnout that JNH has ever had at the annual walk. Additionally, Jaquith Nursing Home was recognized by the Mississippi Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association as a Bronze Champion for our participation and fund raising.

“Thank you to everyone for coming out and supporting an event and a cause that is very important to our residents and our staff.”

Those who would like to donate can still do so by visiting www.alz.org/walk and searching for the Jaquith Nursing Home team from there. Proceeds go to the Alzheimer’s Association. Jaquith Nursing Home and Mississippi State Hospital will continue their efforts to raise funds and awareness of Alzheimer’s disease on Sept. 21, when they participate in the nationwide “Paint It Purple” event.

Individuals are encouraged to wear something purple and hang purple ribbons and bows on their homes and/or businesses. “Paint It Purple” is in recognition of Alzheimer’s Action Day. Anyone is welcome to host a Paint It Purple event in their community or workplace.

For more information, contact the Mississippi Department of Mental Health at 601-359-1288 or the Alzheimer's Association Mississippi Chapter at 601-987-0020. You may also visit www.dmh.state.ms.us.

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: JNH Alzheimer's Walk – Thirty-two people joined the Jaquith Nursing Home Walk to End Alzheimer's Team on Saturday, September 15. The walk is the signature awareness and fundraising event for the Alzheimer's Association. Jaquith Nursing Home was named a Bronze Champion for its participation and fundraising efforts. Donations for the walk are still being accepted online.