



SW CLUB MEMBERS VOLUNTEER AT INAUGURAL WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S IN OUR AREA

Jacksonville State University

# SOCIAL WORK

club

October 2014

WANT TO GET INVOLVED? LOOK BELOW!

## Walk to End Alzheimer's: Let's Lead the Way

At 8:00 AM on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, members of our Social Work Club gathered with around 200 others to kick-off our area's inaugural Walk to End Alzheimer's event.



The Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's® is the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research. Held annually in more than 600 communities nationwide, this inspiring event calls on participants of all ages and abilities to reclaim the future for millions.

Everyone at the event had a reason to walk and one participant shared her reason with us. Crystal Vaughn said, "My mom and I were the sole caregivers for my grandmother, Ava Lyons, until she had to go into a nursing home. We are walking for her today as well as many other family members with this disease."

Social Work Club president Kelisha Eden Fezell also had a personal connection to this event because she saw her great-grandmother battle through the disease. She said, "My Nanny Elsie died from Alzheimer's in 2011 but we know she is in a place where her mind and body is new and she is no longer suffering."

Over \$14,000 was raised by the teams participating in our area's walk on Saturday. For more information, visit [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org).

## UPcoming EVENTS

**October 9 – 10:**

Alabama/Mississippi Social Work Education Conference

**October 14:** Club Meeting

**October 21:** Silent Protest to Stop Sexual Violence on the TMB Lawn at 4:00 PM

**October 23:** Turn in Krispy Kreme Money & Orders

**October 27:** Fall Festival at Jacksonville Health & Rehab

# Voices against Sexual Violence

On Tuesday, October 21st, students and advocates will gather on the lawn of the Theron Montgomery Building at 4:00 PM for a silent protest to stop sexual violence. Jessica Ross, who is a part of The Leading Edge Institute, created this event to create awareness of sexual violence that happens on college campuses nationwide.

There will be guest speakers that will talk about how to cope after a sexual assault, or what to do to if you suspect someone of committing a sex crime, and how to report a domestic violence situation as well as leave a domestic violence situation.

There will also be free food and music. This will be followed by a protest lining Pelham Road to show that sexual violence of anytime should not be tolerated. If you have any questions or would like to help, you can email Jessica at [silentprotestJSU@gmail.com](mailto:silentprotestJSU@gmail.com).

\*Statistics via [www.rainn.org](http://www.rainn.org).



## Sexual Violence Statistics

- There is an average of **237,868** victims (age 12 or older) of rape and sexual assault each year
- Every 2 minutes, another American is sexually assaulted.
- Sexual assault has decreased by nearly half since 1993.

NEED HELP?

National Sexual Assault Hotline

**1-800-656-HOPE**

Free. Secure. Confidential.

24 hours / 7 days a week

Thank you to all Social Work Club volunteers and field students for your time and efforts at Project Homeless Connect.

