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Navient employees contribute more than \$8,000 to Alzheimer's Association to support Alzheimer's research and education

FISHERS, Ind., Sept. 23, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Employees of local company Navient presented the Alzheimer's Association of Greater Indiana with a check for more than \$8,000 last week to support Alzheimer's research and education.

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The Alzheimer's Association is the largest nonprofit funder of Alzheimer's disease research, dedicated to eliminating Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research, providing and enhancing care and support for all affected, and reducing the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.

"We are grateful to the Navient staff for their incredible generosity. The funds raised will help to advance research and provide free education and caregiver support for families impacted by Alzheimer's disease — including 110,000 Hoosiers living with a diagnosis of Alzheimer's," said Colleen Lawson, director, Indianapolis Walk to End Alzheimer's, the Alzheimer's Association's largest fundraiser.

The effort was funded entirely by employee contributions from Navient's Jeans BeCause Program. The program offers participating employees a "pass" to dress casually on certain days for their volunteer donations. It is one of several workplace events and fundraising activities planned by an employee-led committee to support local charities in the area.

"So many of us have experienced firsthand the debilitating effects of Alzheimer's, either through a friend or a family member," said Debbie Davis, systems analyst, Navient, whose father had dementia. "We are proud to have come together to support an organization that fights every day to eliminate this disease."

In 2016, an estimated 5.2 million Americans age 65 and older are living with Alzheimer's. The disease is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States, according to the Alzheimer's Association.

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