

## **A successful Walk due to many**

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The Fourth Annual Dawson County Walk to End Alzheimer's was held on Wednesday, June 15, at the Cozad Country Club. The generosity and compassion of the residents of Dawson County was once again evident at this year's walk!

The enthusiasm of the teams who walked the course, the friendly competition of the teams who golfed, the numbers of businesses, organizations, and individuals who donated, and the perfect weather resulted in the success of the event. As has been tradition, this year's results exceeded last year with a final total of just over \$12,000.00 raised.

I would like to extend personal appreciation to the Walk's committee members: Michelle Hecox and Tish Habe of Hilltop Estates, Patti Herndon of Golden Living Center and Debbie Riley and Heather Strickland of Park Avenue Estates. In spite of their already busy schedules, these five women "gave it their all" to help make the Walk a success. I would also like to thank the volunteers who gave their time to assist the day of the Walk.

Very special gratitude goes to Cozad Country Club and its manager, Tanya Phaby. Tanya and her staff went out of their way to insure an enjoyable afternoon for all participants. Cozad Country Club donated over \$800 in green fees and cart and club rental. The clubhouse and other amenities were made available to us at no charge. The residents of Dawson County are privileged to have such a fine club available for their enjoyment.

As our country's population ages, the numbers of persons afflicted with Alzheimer's is rapidly increasing. Every 69 seconds someone new is diagnosed with Alzheimer's. A year ago studies reported every 71 seconds.

A year ago Alzheimer's was the nation's 7th leading cause of death. It is now the 6th leading cause. Each year there are more deaths resulting from Alzheimer's than breast and prostate cancer combined.

There is not yet a cure but research continues to discover strategies for treatments and getting closer to finding the cause. The Walk to End Alzheimer's plays a large part in supporting that research and offering help to victims and support for their families. The generosity, care, and

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love given by the residents and businesses of Dawson County will help reach the goal of “a world without Alzheimer’s.”

My sincere gratitude goes out to everyone who participated and donated to this year’s Dawson County Walk to End Alzheimer’s.

Linda Butterfield, Chairperson

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