

Stockton College to Host Annual South Jersey Legislative Breakfast on March 2

Individuals Living with Alzheimer's, Their Family Members, And Caregivers Will Share Their Personal Experiences with the Disease

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Galloway Township, **NJ-** The Stockton Center on Successful Aging (SCOSA) and the GEROS Gerontology Club at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey will partner with the South Jersey Advocacy Committee of the Alzheimer's Association Delaware Valley Chapter to host the annual South Jersey Legislative Breakfast on **Tuesday**, **March 2**, **2010** from **8:30** a.m. to **10:00** a.m. in the Lakeside Lodge on the College's Galloway Township campus.

According to the Alzheimer's Association, as many as 5.3 million people in the United States are living with Alzheimer's disease, and every 70 seconds, someone develops Alzheimer's. Alzheimer's and dementia triple healthcare costs for Americans age 65 and older. These starting facts are realities affecting more and more families each day.

The purpose of the South Jersey Legislative Breakfast is to promote Alzheimer's awareness and to educate local, state, and federal government legislators. Participants will leave with a better understanding of how the disease affects individuals living with the disease, their family members, and caregivers.

All advocates, including persons living with the disease, as well as family members and caregivers, will be encouraged to share their stories with the legislators in attendance.

For more information and to RSVP to the event, please contact Linda Coppinger, Executive Director of the South Jersey Alzheimer's Association Delaware Valley Chapter, at 856-797-1212 or <u>linda.coppinger@alz.org</u>. For more information on other SCOSA events, please visit <u>www.stockton.edu/scosa</u>.

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