

Clinton Gardens to sell hot dogs April 27 to help fight Alzheimer's

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On Friday, April 27, the staff and residents of Clinton Gardens, an American Senior Community, will host a cookout to raise awareness and funds for the millions of Americans living with Alzheimer's disease and their caregivers.

The event is part of The Longest Day, a signature do-it-yourself fundraiser for the Alzheimer's Association.

The cookout is open to the public on Friday, April 27, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., located at 375 S. 11th St. in Clinton. A lunch of hot dogs, chips, cookies and drinks is \$5, and a raffle for a chance to win a two-seater outdoor glider will be available.

Heather Reininga, director of marketing and admissions of Clinton Gardens, has planned this cookout for the surrounding Terre Haute community to assist families like those in their memory care unit. One family member, Beth, is volunteering her time to the event in honor of her father, Ed, who lives with Alzheimer's disease.

"I'm looking at a man that is my dad, and he doesn't remember that he is," said Beth, who often visits Ed at Clinton Gardens. "It's hard to go and see your dad when the person you're looking at isn't the person he is anymore."

An estimated 5.7 Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease, including 110,000 Hoosiers. More than 338,000 Indiana family members and friends provide an annual 385 million hours of unpaid care for those living with Alzheimer's or other dementias, valued at \$4.85 billion.

Held annually leading up to and on the summer solstice, June 21, The Longest Day symbolizes the challenging journey of those living with Alzheimer's disease and their caregivers. Participants will do what they love – biking, hiking, playing bridge, swimming, knitting and more– to honor a caregiver, someone living with Alzheimer's, or someone lost to this devastating disease. Together, participants will raise funds and awareness to advance Alzheimer's Association care, support and research programs.