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H.B. Walk to End Alzheimer's raises more than \$203,000



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More than 2,000 people who took a beachside stroll Saturday morning in Huntington Beach were in it for more than the sun and exercise. The Walk to End Alzheimer's raised more than \$203,000 for the Alzheimer's Association of Orange County, the event's website said Monday afternoon, as well as helped raise awareness and support for families affected by the disease.

Many participants representing more than 200 teams in the 2-mile walk beside Pacific Coast Highway carried artificial flowers of various colors. Yellow represented support or care for someone with Alzheimer's, blue signified a personal battle with the disease, purple was to honor a loved one lost to Alzheimer's and orange symbolized support for the cause.

Donations are still being accepted at www.alz.org/oc (look under "Walk to End Alzheimer's").



Family members walk in memory of Ruben Trujilo during the Walk to End Alzheimer's on Saturday morning in Huntington Beach. The 2-mile event was a benefit for the Alzheimer's Association of Orange County.



Celine, left, and Aysia Castaneda participate in the Walk to End Alzheimer's on Saturday morning in Huntington Beach. The purple flowers symbolize a loved one lost to Alzheimer's disease.



Ly Phan, Tran Hoang and Kathy Thau, from left, cheer for participants in Saturday's Walk to End Alzheimer's in Huntington Beach.



In the foreground, Veronique Belhassen, left, and Klara Volodarsky walk with their dog, Timmy, in memory of Mira Shaposhnirova during the Walk to End Alzheimer's on Saturday in Huntington Beach.



Ben and Laurie McCulloch walk in honor of Bob Jondle during the Walk to End Alzheimer's on Saturday morning in Huntington Beach. The orange flowers signify their support for the cause, presented by Alzheimer's Association of Orange County.