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Mimosas for Memories benefits Alzheimer's Association

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CINCINNATI, OH (FOX19) - Mimosas for Memories is a first-time event benefiting the Alzheimer's Association of Greater Cincinnati.

The event is Saturday, <u>April 16</u> from 11 a.m. to 2 p .m. at the Greenwich House Gallery on Madison Road, in O'Bryonville.

It was created by Christian Gausvik Jr., a third year medical student at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine.

Christian has a history of working with the elderly which started with a job at an assisted living facility at age 15.

He says he was always captivated by the stories and personalities of older generations and has wanted to dedicate his life to taking care of this segment

of the Cincinnati population. He plans to complete a geriatrics fellowship after receiving his medical degree and finishing residency.

"Through medical school, I have never seen myself doing anything other than helping older adults, and this event is a representation of that passion,

said Christian Gausvik. "The University of Cincinnati College of Medicine Geriatrics scholar program has been integral to my medical school experience. I have been afforded the opportunity to do research on quality, communication and patient safety in the elderly, UC has provided me the opportunity to pursue leadership roles in geriatrics locally and nationally and most importantly my clinical rotations have given me first hand exposure to the geriatric population in our community."

During his time at Xavier University earning his Bachelor's degree, Christian organized a smaller after dinner fundraiser with coffee, cocktails, and desserts.

The publicity for that event connected him to the Alzheimer's association and he has been an active volunteer with them since 2010 – organizing the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine Walk to End Alzheimer's team each year, sitting on the walk planning committee, serving as a member of their Mosaic Advisory council and working on other projects.

Mimosas for Memories includes light bites from local caterers including Daveed's, the BonBonerie, Servatii, Funky's Catering, Vonderhaar's,

Abby Girl Sweets, Jeff Thomas, and A Catered Affair. It also includes a full mimosa bar, photo booth, live harp and piano music and a silent auction and raffle. The gallery will be donating 10 percent of art sales from the day towards the fundraising efforts.

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