

To friends and supporters of Dennis Shippey,

On March 7-9, I will be attending an Action Summit for Alzheimer's in Washington DC. On a personal level, this is not exactly what I want to be doing. But when I found out the first day provides workshops and training to help individuals better understand the political process and how to bring about change – **I knew it was time**. That training and the opportunity for appointments with legislators on Capitol Hill solidified my decision to move forward with plans to attend.

Many of you know it was a year ago that Dennis disappeared and was found near death approx 36 hours later and 50 miles from Pasadena. We recovered from that and made adjustments that took us to Thanksgiving 2009. It was that weekend when Dennis had a bad reaction to a change in medications and we found ourselves in the middle of a legal system that did not recognize the challenges with Alzheimer's. After hours of incarceration, bail bonds and attorney fees, we were able to present the necessary information to satisfy that court – the case was dismissed.

During the past year, I have been turned down, turned away, ignored and discouraged by law enforcement as well as our Houston chapter of Alzheimer's. Many have told me why my efforts will not make a difference. Well to those critics and naysayers I want to say, "My husband and the countless individuals diagnosed with Early OnSet Alzheimers are counting on someone to speak up for them." Until someone comes up with something to address the issues outlined on my website, I will keep reaching out to find support and bring about improved emergency responses that are necessary to keep those diagnosed with Alzheimer's in their homes with their families.

Since moving from Iowa to Pasadena ISD in 1976, we have been blessed by a tremendous outpouring of support, encouragement and friendship from the Pasadena and Sagemont community. Now I ask your help! Can you take a few minutes to read my website: www.shippeysilveralertchange.org? If you see an opportunity to show support for my efforts, please SIGN IN using your email address as a sign of support. I am trying to collect 1000 email address showing support.

Linda Shippey

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