ADAO Unites Communities for Action, Awareness and Remembrance This September: Turning Memories into Meaning

As the nation marks 25 years since 9/11, ADAO brings communities together this September to honor, educate, and take action against asbestos-related disease



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LOS ANGELES, CA, UNITED STATES, September 8, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- September is a month of action and remembrance for the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO), which brings together patients, families, advocates, medical professionals, and supporters through a series of major events focused on awareness, prevention, and honoring those affected by asbestos-related disease.

This year, September carries additional significance as the nation marks the 25th anniversary of September 11, 2001. ADAO recognizes the lasting health impact experienced by first responders, recovery workers, survivors, and families in the years following the attacks, including those who face asbestos-related illnesses.

“September is a time when we come together to remember, but also to take action,” says Linda Reinstein, President and CEO of ADAO. “September 11 reminds us of the lives forever changed and the importance of protecting those who continue to face health consequences from exposure. Through our September events, ADAO brings people together to raise awareness, promote prevention, and honor those affected. It is important to remember asbestos can be anywhere, even in the East Wing.”

The month of action begins September 19 with the 18th Annual Alton Miles for Meso 5K Race & 3K Fun Run/Walk in Alton, Illinois. Hosted by Simmons Hanly Conroy and coordinated by Metro Tri Club, the event brings together runners, walkers, patients, families, caregivers, and advocates

to raise awareness and support ADAO's mission. Participants can take part in person or virtually.



For ADAO, every mile represents more than a race. It provides an opportunity to honor loved ones lost to mesothelioma and other asbestos-related diseases while supporting efforts to educate communities and prevent future exposure.

According to Jacqueline M. Moline, MD, MSc, "The number of lung cancers has doubled in just five years. Our concern is that these numbers of cancers will continue to grow as we know the deadly legacy of asbestos and many of these chemicals."

The momentum continues September 25–26 with ADAO's 21st Annual Asbestos Awareness & Prevention Conference in the Washington, D.C., area. This year's conference, themed "Asbestos: Awareness, Prevention, and the Law," brings together leading voices from science, medicine, public health, law, policy, and advocacy, along with patients and families affected by asbestos-related disease.

The conference begins Friday evening, September 25, with "An Evening Under the Stars," featuring musical guests Jordan Zevon, Matt Cartsonis, and Jordan Summers. Zevon, ADAO's National Spokesperson and Celebrity Board Co-Chair, is a longtime advocate for asbestos awareness following the death of his father, acclaimed musician Warren Zevon, from mesothelioma in 2003.

Saturday, September 26, coincides with Mesothelioma Awareness Day, adding significance to the conference's final day. The event concludes with ADAO's Awards & Recognition Dinner and Mesothelioma Candle Lighting Ceremony, providing an opportunity to honor those who have lost their lives, recognize those continuing to fight the disease, and stand with patients, families, and caregivers.

The conference also recognizes individuals and organizations whose work advances awareness and protects communities affected by asbestos exposure, including 9/11 Health Watch and Dr. Michael Crane.

“September reminds us that remembrance and action must go hand in hand,” says Reinstein. “As we mark 25 years since 9/11, we remember the lives lost and honor the responders, survivors, and families who continue to live with the consequences. Through Miles for Meso, our annual conference, and the voices of our community, we are turning remembrance into education, advocacy, and meaningful action. Prevention is the only cure.”

Together, ADAO’s major September events reflect a shared commitment to remembering the past while creating a healthier future. From every mile walked and every story shared to the research, education, and advocacy taking place at the conference, ADAO continues to unite communities in the fight against asbestos-related disease.

About the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization

Founded in 2004, the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO) is an independent nonprofit dedicated to preventing asbestos exposure and eliminating asbestos-related diseases through education, advocacy, community initiatives, and policy reform. ADAO brings together patients, families, medical professionals, scientists, advocates, policymakers, and communities to advance awareness, prevention, and public health protections.

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