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Alzheimer's Association Recognizes November as Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month

DENVER October 13, 2009 – In recognition of National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month and National Family Caregivers Month, the Alzheimer's Association will hold a number of special events throughout the month of November.

A Caregiver Appreciation Event "**Caregivers Make a Difference**" will be held Friday, November 6 from 9 am – 3 pm at Olinger Crown Hill Reception Center at 7777-A West 29th in Wheat Ridge. Caregivers will be pampered with chair massage and offered resources and information. A light lunch will be served while receivers and providers of care share their perspectives on the joys and challenges of caregiving. This program is sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association, Olinger Mortuaries and Cemeteries, The Seniors Resource Center and the Woodward Respite Care Fund.

The HBO documentary "The Alzheimer's Project: Momentum in Science" details the current explosion of knowledge within the scientific and medical communities from imaging the earliest signs of Alzheimer's, to understanding the roles that genetics and lifestyle might play, to the tremendous progress being made in the effort to develop drugs to treat or even prevent the disease. Screenings of **The Alzheimer's Project** will be presented at the following locations:

Wednesday, November 4 from 6:30-8:30 pm at the Canyon Theatre at the Boulder Public Library 1001 Arapahoe Ave, Boulder. A panel discussion with audience participation will follow with panelists Dr. Alan Zacharias, neurologist and Dr. Victoria Pelak, assistant professor of Neurology and Ophthalmology at University of Colorado Denver School of Medicine. This event is free of charge and is presented by Boulder Community Hospital and the Alzheimer's Association Colorado Chapter.

Thursday, November 5 from 7 - 9 pm at The Starz FilmCenter at the Tivoli Center Auraria Campus, Denver A panel discussion with audience participation will follow with panelists Dr. Jack Klapper; researcher, Dr. Clemencia Dublin; geriatrician and Jessica McIntire, whose family is featured in the documentary. A wine and cheese reception will be held after the program.

Thursday, November 12 from 7 – 9 pm at St. Andrew United Methodist Church 3350 White Bay Drive, Highlands Ranch Special guest Jessica McIntire, whose family is featured in the documentary. Refreshments will be served.

Thursday, November 19 from 5:30 – 8 pm at Seniors' Resource Center 3227 Chase Street, Denver The Seniors' Resource Center is hosting a dinner with a viewing and discussion of the film. Space is limited so please call to RSVP. Additionally respite care is provided for loved ones with dementia, however arrangements must be made in advance by calling Linda Johnson at 303-235-6995.

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On Wednesday, November 19 from 7- 8:30 pm at Calvary Bible Church on 3245 Kalmia Ave. in Boulder, Neurologist Richard Popwell, MD, will cover the medical and scientific specifics of Alzheimer's disease and describe the latest research efforts to find effective interventions for preventing, stopping and reversing this leading cause of decline in memory and cognitive functioning.

To RSVP for these free events please call, 303-813-1669, or go online to alz.org/co.

If you have been touched by Alzheimer's or are a caregiver to someone with the disease, there is help. For more information and resources, visit www.alz.org or call 800-272-3900.

About the Alzheimer's Association

The Alzheimer's Association Colorado Chapter is the premier source of information and support for the more than 72,000 Coloradoans with Alzheimer's disease, their families and caregivers. Through its statewide network of offices, the Alzheimer's Association offers education, counseling, support groups, Medic Alert® + Alzheimer's Association Safe Return® and a 24-hour Helpline, at no cost to families, and funds advancements in research to prevent, treat and eventually conquer this disease. The Alzheimer's Association advocates for those living with Alzheimer's and their families on related legislative issues, and with health and long-term care providers. For information call the Alzheimer's Association at 303-813-1669, the Helpline at 800-272-3900, or visit www.alz.org/co

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