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***SPECIAL SCREENING OF HBO DOCUMENTARY ON ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE***

**HAMMOND**— On September 12, the Alzheimer's Association will host a special screening of "Caregivers," one of the documentaries in the HBO series *The Alzheimer's Project* followed by a group discussion and Q and A session. The screening will take place at the Harrah's Horseshoe, 777 Casino Dr. in Hammond, beginning at 1 p.m. This screening is being held in conjunction with the Harrah's Foundation and Harrah's Horseshoe Casino.

The free screening event will be an opportunity for those without access to the film to be able to view the documentary. The screening will include viewing of the film which is approximately one hour in length. Following the viewing, attendees will be able to ask questions, discuss the film and share their own personal experiences during the group discussion. This discussion will be lead by professionals in the healthcare and long-term care fields.

"Caregivers" is a collection of five portraits, each of which highlights the sacrifices and successes made by people experiencing their loved one's gradual descent into dementia.

As "Caregivers" director Bill Couturié explains: "Not only is it very expensive to pay for care in a nursing home, but the patient is someone you love a lot - a mother, father, spouse. This is someone who has taken care of you, and so it's only natural to want to take care of them. It's not uncommon for the caregiver to die before the patient. It's a 24/7 job and often the caregiver has no help. But it's a long haul, you can't live like that and survive. Caregivers must be able to find some respite."

During the screening, attendees are welcome to pick up information on the upcoming Memory Walk. Hidden Lake Park in Merrillville will be site of the Memory Walk on Sept. 19 with registration beginning at 11 a.m. and the walk beginning at Noon.

Today, approximately 5.3 million Americans have Alzheimer's disease, including 120,000 Hoosiers. Every 70 seconds, someone develops Alzheimer's disease, making Alzheimer's disease the 7<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death. The direct and indirect costs of Alzheimer's disease and other dementia amount to more than \$148 billion annually.

The Alzheimer's Association is the world leader in Alzheimer's research and support. Having awarded more than \$150 million to nearly 1,300 research projects, the Alzheimer's Association is the largest private funder of Alzheimer research. The Association's vision is a world without Alzheimer's disease. For more information about Alzheimer's disease, call 800.272.3900 or visit [www.alz.org/indiana](http://www.alz.org/indiana).

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