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**NEW JACKSON DEPARTMENT ON AGING HOSTS SCREENING OF
CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED HBO DOCUMENTARY SERIES**

Beginning on Thurs., July 1, 2010, a free screening of the critically acclaimed 4-Part HBO Documentary Films Presentation, THE ALZHEIMER'S PROJECT, will be presented at the Department on Aging located at 100 County Services Drive, Sylva.

A joint venture of Smoky Mountain Center Geriatric & Adult Mental Health Specialty Team, the Southwestern Commission Area Agency on Aging, the Jackson County Department on Aging, & the Alzheimer's Association, this HBO series will be shown over a 4-week period, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., on Thurs., July 1, 8, 15, & 22. There is no charge to view the documentary.

One of the most devastating forms of memory loss is Alzheimer's disease, an irreversible and progressive brain disorder that slowly destroys memory & thinking skills. Alzheimer's disease is the 2nd most-feared illness in America, following cancer. Until recently, medical news on Alzheimer's disease was not comforting. But in the past few years, advances in many scientific areas have led to an explosion of knowledge with implications for treatment & prevention.

Through The Alzheimer's Project film series, HBO Documentary Films illuminates the vital breakthroughs occurring in the field, including glimpses inside the laboratories & clinics of the nation's top scientists & physicians who are clearing the path to a deeper understanding of Alzheimer's disease.

This powerful documentary series is a fascinating story of scientific discovery that shows what recent breakthroughs might mean for improving our chances of remaining cognitively vital throughout a long life.

There will be a brief period of time for questions & answers at the end of each showing. A certificate of attendance will be provided.

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