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Free Family Caregiver Workshop to be Sept. 15 in El Dorado

EL DORADO – The South Arkansas Center on Aging Education Center and the Schmieding Home Caregiver Training Program of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) will hold a free family caregiver workshop Sept. 15 for those who would like to learn about caring for an adult with dementia or Alzheimer’s disease.

The workshop, which is open to the public, will be held 10 a.m. - noon at the St. John Missionary Baptist Church Family Life Center at 1018 Wilson Street. For more information or to register, please call 870-881-8969 or email LKDewese@UAMS.edu. Light refreshments will be provided. Reservations preferred, not required. Space is limited.

The program is sponsored by UAMS’ Arkansas Geriatric Education Collaborative. The collaborative is funded by a Health Resources and Services Administration grant of \$2.4 million for a Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program. Support for this program has also been provided by St. John Missionary Baptist Church, Fairview Community Development Assoc. Inc., & Starlight Baptist Church.

Taught by Bethany Moore, R.N., the workshop will present an overview of dementia and Alzheimer’s disease and provide caregiving tips that maintain respect, dignity and quality of life for the person living with dementia. Information will be presented on nutrition, behavior, communication techniques and activities.

UAMS is the state’s only health sciences university, with colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Health Professions and Public Health; a graduate school; hospital; northwest Arkansas regional campus; statewide network of regional centers; and six institutes: the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute, Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute, Harvey & Bernice Jones Eye Institute, Psychiatric Research Institute, Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging and Translational Research Institute. It is the only adult Level 1 trauma center in the state. UAMS has 2,834 students, 822 medical residents and six dental residents. It is the state’s largest public employer with more than 10,000 employees, including 1,200 physicians who provide care to patients at UAMS, its regional campuses throughout the state, Arkansas Children’s Hospital, the VA Medical

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