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**Disaster Preparedness Presentation  
to be Held Nov. 7 in Conway**

LITTLE ROCK – The public is invited to a free event Nov. 7 in Conway for older adults who would like to learn about preparing for disasters. Participants will receive tips and information on how to develop and implement their personal disaster preparedness plan.

The presentation will be held from 10-11 a.m. at the Conway Senior Wellness & Activity Center, 705 E. Siebenmorgen. For more information or to register, call Laura Spradley at 501-526-7482. Space is limited.

The program is presented by Arkansas Geriatric Education Collaborative (AGEC) of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS), the American Red Cross – Arkansas Region, and Alzheimer’s Arkansas. AGEC is funded by a Health Resources and Services Administration grant of \$3.7 million for a Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program. The AGEC is a program of the UAMS Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging.

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters, supplies about 40 percent of the nation’s blood, teaches skills that save lives, provides international humanitarian aid, and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission.

Alzheimer’s Arkansas is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that provides support, education and financial assistance to caregivers of individuals with Alzheimer’s disease and dementia-related illnesses. They have served Arkansans in need statewide since 1934.

UAMS is the state’s only health sciences university, with colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Health Professions and Public Health; a graduate school; hospital; a main campus in Little Rock; a Northwest Arkansas regional campus in Fayetteville; a statewide network of regional campuses; and seven institutes: the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute, Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute,

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