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EAST TEXAS FAMILY CAREGIVER RESOURCE FAIR HIGHLIGHTS ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AWARENESS

DALLAS--A Family Caregiver Resource Fair will highlight East Texas Alzheimer's Awareness Week events March 4-6. The fair will be held Saturday, March 6, at Tyler Junior College Regional Training and Development Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with two half-day program sessions.

Sponsors of the free event include The University of Texas

Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, the Andrews Center, the

Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Specialty Clinic in Tyler,

the Northeast Texas Alzheimer's Association and other area agencies.

The program will include presentations on Alzheimer's disease, legal planning and dementia, caregiver stress, Medicaid and Medicare, long-term care decisions, public policy, behavioral management of dementia and the Alzheimer's Association as a resource. There will be a special workshop for children on understanding Alzheimer's. In addition there will be exhibits and adult day care for Alzheimer's patients by appointment. Presentations will begin at 10 a.m. for the morning session, 1 p.m. for the afternoon session.

Other events include:

Thursday, March 4--Physician Continuing Education Dinner,
Willowbrook Country Club. Speakers will be Dr. Roger N. Rosenberg,
Abe (Brunky), Morris and William Zale Distinguished Professor of
Neurology and director of the Alzheimer's Disease Research Center
(ADRC), UT Southwestern, who will speak on "A Causal Role for Amyloid

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in Alzheimer's Disease: the End of the Beginning"; and Dr. Myron F. Weiner, Aradine S. Ard Professor of Brain Science and director of the ADRC clinical core, UT Southwestern, whose topic is "Treatment of Cognitive Deficit."

Friday, March 5--Seminar on Alzheimer's Disease for Health Professionals and Clergy, 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Pavilion Conference Center, East Texas Health Center. Continuing education credits for social workers, nursing home administrators, nurses, Texas professional counselors and clergy. Speaker is Nancy Mace, author of *The 36-Hour Day*.

Other sponsors of the Alzheimer's Awareness Fair include Briarcliff
Management Company Inc., Tyler; Henderson Memorial Hospital, Skilled Nursing
Facility, Henderson; The University of Texas Health Center at Tyler; Rusk
Nursing Home, Rusk; Meals on Wheels, Tyler; First Presbyterian Church, Tyler;
the Alzheimer Education and Resource Center, Texarkana; and Wells Nursing
Home, Wells.

For information about the events call (903) 597-1351. Reservations for adult day care may be made by calling (903) 593-2273.

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NOTE: The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas comprises Southwestern Medical School, Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, Southwestern Allied Health Sciences School, affiliated teaching hospitals and outpatient clinics.