

NCCNHR Members participate in activities related to airing of *Almost Home*

NCCNHR is a national partner in the *Almost Home* documentary which aired on many PBS stations throughout the nation on **February 21, 2006 at 10:00pm**. The documentary follows the year-long process a CCRC undergoes as it moves toward implementation of “culture change” at the nursing home.

Please let us know if you or your organization has organized or is involved with any events in your community related to the airing of the *Almost Home* documentary. You can email Jean Badalamenti at jbadalamenti@nccnhr.org.

Following is a list of activities NCCNHR members have participated in or will be organizing:

- Local Ombudsman Kathy Ray Smith of MO participated in an event sponsored by her local PBS station KMOS-TV at Central Missouri State University (CMSU) on Tuesday, January 11.
- On December 8, the Illinois State LTCO Program co-sponsored a special preview screening. The screening included a discussion with the filmmaker, Brad Lichtenstien and leaders on issues of aging.
- A family member and family council chair at a Maryland nursing home that is part of a CCRC has received a DVD of the program and is requesting that all staff at the facility watch the documentary and will be working with the staff to organize community-wide screenings and facilitated discussions. The family council will be previewing the program before and after their next meeting.
- Massachusetts Advocates for Nursing Home Reform (MANHR) has advertised the program to its membership. MANHR offered DVD's of the documentary to their members along with the culture change DVD produced by AHQA and distributed at the NCCNHR Annual Meeting. Two of MANHR's Board Members will be critiquing both documentaries over the next couple of weeks and MANHR also plans to send an e-mail notice to MA legislators notifying them of the airing of *Almost Home* and the benefits of culture change.
- A local ombudsman in Pocatello, Idaho invited all facility administrators to attend a showing of the documentary that was being aired by the local university. After the viewing they discussed whether or not culture change was viable in their facilities.
- NCCNHR will host a nation-wide conference call for its members with participation from the producer of the documentary and an administrator of a culture change facility.