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**Experience Symptoms of Dementia at Dec. 6 Simulation**

GREENBRIER – The West Central Center on Aging, part of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS), will host a free event Dec. 6 to simulate the symptoms of Alzheimer’s disease and dementia.

“The Alzheimer’s/Dementia Experience: Take a Walk in Their Shoes” will be held from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. at the Greenbrier Senior Center, 21 North Broadview in Greenbrier. For more information, please call Kristi Cowell or Lana Howard at 479-478-8819, or visit [www.uamscaregiving.org/ftsmith/](http://www.uamscaregiving.org/ftsmith/).

The demonstration will simulate symptoms of Alzheimer’s disease and dementia, including loss of hearing, vision, sensory nerves, fine motor skills and onset of arthritis and neuropathy.

The goal is to increase awareness of the physical challenges and sensory disorders common in people with Alzheimer’s disease and dementia so that caregivers and health care providers can become more empathetic. This will enable them to provide care and living arrangements that are more sensitive and suitable for these individuals.

This event is sponsored by the Arkansas Geriatric Education Collaborative at UAMS, part of the Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration. The program improves the quality of care for older adults through education by offering programs for health professionals, first responders, family caregivers and direct care workers.

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 seven institutes: the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute, Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute, Myeloma 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 Center and Baptist Health. Visit [www.uams.edu](http://www.uams.edu) or [www.uamshealth.com](http://www.uamshealth.com). Find us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) or [Instagram](#).

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