

# PRESS RELEASE

## Area Agency on Aging of East Texas Awards \$20,000 Grant to Henderson County Alzheimer's Coalition

**Kilgore, TX, 6/1/2015:** The Area Agency on Aging of East Texas (AAA) has awarded funding up to \$20,000 to the Alzheimer's Coalition of Henderson County (ACHC) to provide education and counseling for families and victims of Alzheimer's disease or related dementias. The ACHC is a newly formed organization offering personal consultations with licensed professionals, education, and referral services to residents of Henderson County affected by Alzheimer's disease.

The formation of the ACHC began last summer when the AAA hosted an Alzheimer's Education Forum in Athens with experts from all over the state. This forum, led by Alzheimer's advocate John Nash (president of the ACHC), included over 100 participants from Henderson County and surrounding areas. After this day-long forum, and many meetings with concerned citizens, the Alzheimer's Coalition of Henderson County was formed.

On February 28, the Alzheimer's Coalition of Henderson County was formally introduced to its community at a kick-off celebration. Along with its current services, the group plans to add respite services in the future, as well as servicing individuals outside of Henderson County. To find out more about ACHC, visit <http://www.alzhendersoncotx.org/> or call (903) 330-6306. For individuals in East Texas looking for other senior services, call the AAA at (800) 442-8845 or (903) 218-6500.

### About Area Agency on Aging of East Texas

The Area Agency on Aging of East Texas is designated by the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services to coordinate services for persons in East Texas who are 60 or older, with particular attention to low-income minority older individuals, older individuals with limited English proficiency, and older individuals residing in rural areas. Programs include, but are not limited to: Information, Referral and Assistance, Benefits Counseling/ Legal Assistance, Nursing home Ombudsman, Care Coordination, Caregiver Support Program and transportation provided by GOBUS.

The Area Agency on Aging provides Nutrition programs delivering hot, nutritious meals to eligible homebound senior and providing congregate meals at local senior center. The Area Agency on Aging is a program of ETCOG serving its 14 county region.



### About ETCOG

The East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG) is a voluntary association of counties, cities, school districts and special districts within the fourteen-county East Texas region. ETCOG assists local governments in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit and coordinating for sound regional development. Established in 1970, ETCOG, either directly, or through its contractors, provides programs and services for East Texas seniors, employers, and job seekers. ETCOG and its contractors also build the 9-1-1 emergency call delivery system, provide peace officer training and homeland security planning services; and deliver rural transportation services, business finance programs, and environmental grant funding for the region.