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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Executive Directors  
Area Agencies on Aging

**FROM:** Ellen Nau, Human Services Program Coordinator

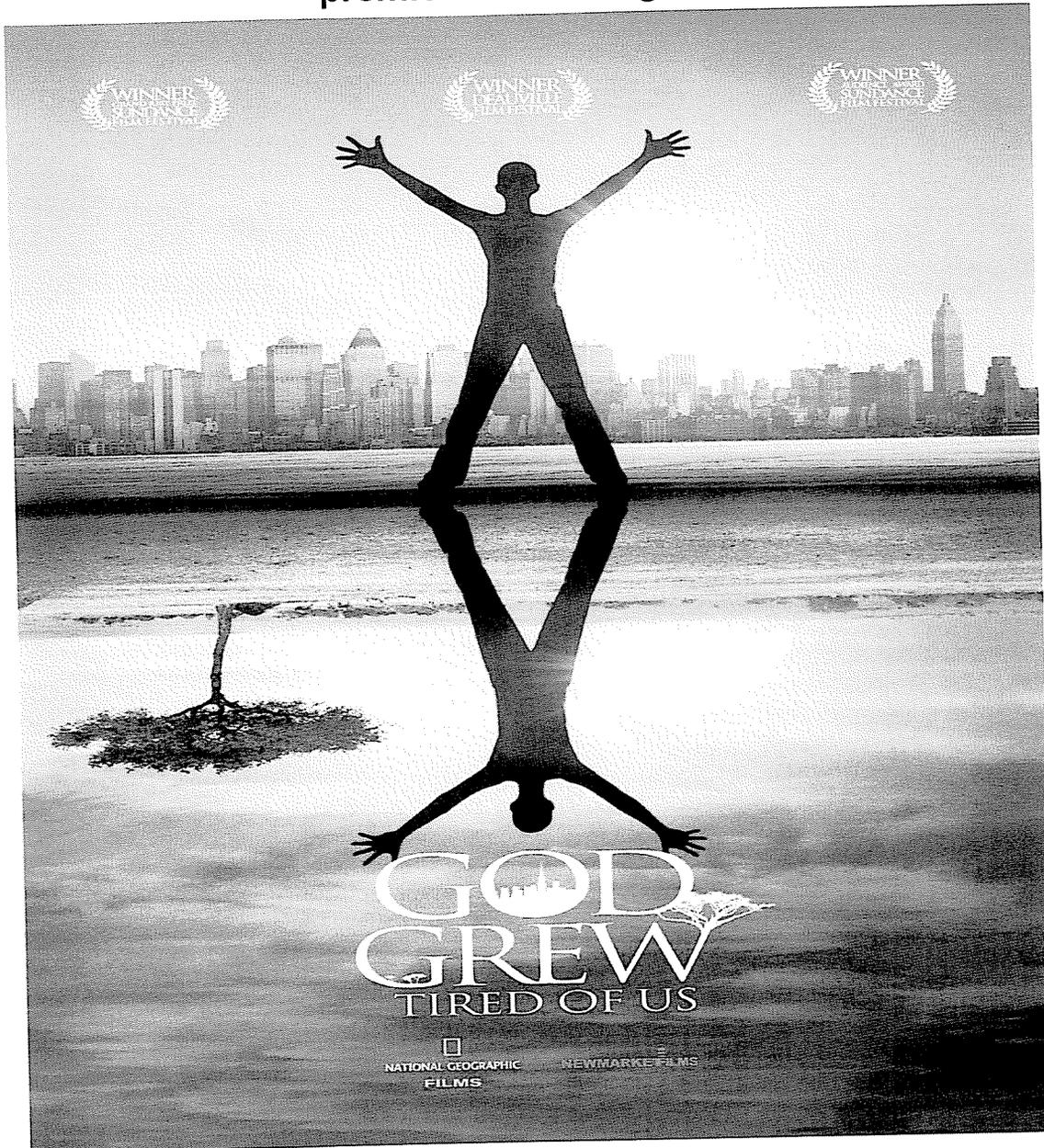
**DATE:** June 12, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Virginia Refugee Day

For many years the Virginia Department for the Aging has worked with the Office of Newcomer Services (ONS), Virginia Department of Social Services, on the Elderly Refugee Program, REAP. On Wednesday, June 20, 2007, ONS will celebrate Virginia Refugee Day through a special screening of the award winning film, ***God Grew Tired of Us*** at the Library of Virginia. A reception will be held at 5:30 P.M. followed by the screening at 6:30 P.M. For further information contact 804-726-7931 or the attached information.

A refugee is a person who is seeking asylum in a foreign country in order to escape persecution, war, terrorism or extreme poverty, famines, and natural disaster.

The Virginia Office of Newcomer Services and  
Newmarket Films present a special Richmond  
premiere screening of



in recognition of Virginia Refugee Day  
Library of Virginia – 800 East Broad Street  
Richmond - June 20, 2007

Reception at 5:30 p.m. Film at 6:30 p.m.

Limited Seating - No admission fee – reserved seating *only* through online  
reservations at

[http://www.dss.virginia.gov/community/ons/film\\_screenings/events.cgi](http://www.dss.virginia.gov/community/ons/film_screenings/events.cgi)

Newmarket Films presents a National Geographic Films/LBS Production – GOD GREW TIRED OF US, an inspirational movie about three young Sudanese men who - after 10 years wandering the African wilderness - fly to their new homes in the United States. Winner of both the Grand Jury Prize and the Audience Award at the 2006 Sundance Film Festival, GOD GREW TIRED OF US shows how these three astonishing "Lost Boys" triumph over insurmountable adversities, form a family, adjust to a new culture, and continue to work for those left behind. Narrated by Nicole Kidman. Directed by Christopher Quinn.

Rating: PG. Running Time: 88 minutes.

Questions: 804-726-7931



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**From the Administration on Aging Website:**

The U.S. Administration on Aging celebrates the life of Janet Sainer who passed away on June 3, 2007.

Janet Sainer, a pioneer in the field of aging and intergenerational programs, served for 12 years as the Commissioner of the New York City Department for the Aging. Her leadership and collaborative skills while heading the largest area agency on aging in the nation benefited millions of vulnerable older New Yorkers in need of essential home and community-based services, such as those provided through the Older Americans Act which she helped to build, expand and implement.

Prior to being appointed commissioner, Mrs. Sainer directed aging programs for 14 years at the Community Service Society where she developed a demonstration program that led to the establishment of the national Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP).

Upon her retirement as NYC Aging Commissioner in 1990, Janet Sainer continued to raise public awareness of concerns of older New Yorkers locally as well as nationally. In addition, Janet was recognized internationally in the field of aging, having been appointed as a board member of the Brookdale Institute of Gerontology and Adult Development in Israel.

For close to two decades, Mrs. Sainer served as a special consultant to the Brookdale Foundation Group, and in that capacity, championed the rights and issues of millions of grandparents and other relatives raising children. Her passion for this issue was evident

to all who knew her. She was attending a conference on grandparents in Denver, Colorado at the time of her passing.

Janet Sainer's career was one of excellence and commitment. Her personal and professional experiences inspired so many to better understand and appreciate what it means to age in America. Commissioner Sainer leaves a record of accomplishment that will endure for generations. She was determined, tenacious and untiring. The national aging network - and our nation - has lost a true champion.

**From the Brookdale Foundation:**

Condolences can be sent to the Sainer family, Debbie, Elliot, and Alicia at:

The Sainer Family  
465 West End Avenue  
Apartment 7C  
New York, NY 10024

Donations can be made in Janet's name to:

**The New York City Meals on Wheels Program**

Citymeals-on-Wheels  
355 Lexington Avenue  
New York, NY 10017

Gael Greene and James Beard founded Citymeals-on-Wheels in 1981 by raising private funds to supplement the government-funded weekday meal delivery program. It is one of several public/private partnerships that Janet helped create.

Citymeals now funds 102 community-based agencies that bring weekend, holiday, emergency and weekday meals to homebound elderly New Yorkers who can no longer shop or cook for themselves. In the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, Citymeals funded

the preparation and delivery of over 2.5 million meals to more than 17,500 homebound elderly New Yorkers.

In addition to funding weekend, holiday and emergency meals, Citymeals currently underwrites weekday meals for 1,800 homebound elderly who were formerly on waiting lists for home-delivered meals. With 14% of our meal recipients most at risk for malnutrition, Citymeals also now serves a supper meal to over 1,400 of the poorest frailest and most isolated.

To qualify for Citymeals-on-Wheels service a person must be over 60 years of age and have a chronic physical or mental disability preventing them from shopping or preparing meals to meet daily nutritional needs.

Or

A charity of your choice.

A memorial service for Ms. Sainer was held in New York City on June 7.