

Caring FOR YOUR Parents

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

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Premieres on PBS April 2, 2008 at 9 pm (check local listings)

As the population ages, many adult children are grappling with an unprecedented social, cultural, economic, and personal revolution as they transition into the primary caregiver role for their aging parents. Produced, written, and directed by award-winning filmmaker Michael Kirk, *Caring for Your Parents* is a moving two-hour special that draws much-needed attention to this universal reality.

The first 90-minutes of *Caring for Your Parents* underscores today's struggle to keep parents at home, tensions between siblings, and the complexity of shifting caregiver roles through an intimate look at five American families. In the end, the documentary contends successful caregiving requires one primary ingredient—love.

Immediately after the 90-minute broadcast, medical correspondent Dr. Art Ulene leads "A Conversation About Caring." This half-hour panel discussion offers concrete advice and guidance on how to **start the conversation**—often the most difficult step in caregiving.

For more information, visit www.pbs.org/caringforyourparents (launching March 2008).

ABOUT MICHAEL KIRK

Producer, Director, and Writer

Former Nieman Fellow in Journalism at Harvard University, Michael Kirk was the founding senior producer of the highly acclaimed series FRONTLINE from its inception in 1983 until he formed the Boston-based Kirk Documentary Group in 1987. Kirk, winner of every major award in broadcast journalism (including The Peabody Award, the DuPont-Columbia Award, eight EMMYS, and five Writers Guild of America Awards), has a very personal interest in the topic. He is determined to make a film that will help viewers experience the bittersweet moments and hard choices facing parents and their grown children.

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