

For immediate release:

New Documentary, *An Age for Justice: Confronting Elder Abuse in America*, to screen at Center for Active Generations, followed by a discussion with a panel of experts.

Where: Center for Active Generations, 313 Cook St, Sioux City

When: June 15, 1:00 p.m.

Speakers: Sandy Wienhold, Frank Tenuta, Bob Ameen

Details: Free and open to the public; for more information, call or email Chris Kuchta at 712-279-6900 ex 13 or email [chrisk@siouxlandaging.org](mailto:chrisk@siouxlandaging.org)

(Sioux City) Elder Abuse is a hidden crisis harming vulnerable adults in every community across our nation. To bring the needed attention to this issue, Siouland Aging Services will be hosting an airing of the moving documentary "*An Age for Justice: Confronting Elder Abuse in America*" on Elder Abuse Awareness Day, June 15. It will begin at 1:00 at the Center for Active Generations, 313 Cook St. Sioux City. The poignant 16-minute film will be followed by a panel discussion along with a question and answer session with the audience. This premiere is free and open to the public.

Acknowledged by one interviewee as a "dark mark on our humanity," telber abuse leads millions of Americans to live in silent fear. This documentary unites the voices of abused elders, family members, and experts from across the nation to help bring the issue of elder abuse out of the shadows. Shocking, compelling, and inspiring, this film empowers elders to speak out against abuse and calls for changes to protect the generation that came before us. This intimate film brings viewers into the home of four courageous American elders, to her their real stories about the abuse, neglect, or abandonment they have experienced.

Elder Abuse refers to the intentional or neglectful acts by a caregiver, trusted individual or stranger that harm an elder. This includes physical, emotional, psychological and sexual abuse, financial and material exploitation, and neglect and self-neglect. This is a problem from which no older American is safe, as elder abuse cuts across racial, ethnic, cultural, socio-economic, geographic, and gender lines. Worse yet, many elders don't even realize what is happening to them. With the rapid aging of America, the incidence of abuse will undoubtedly grow.

This screening and panel discussion is sponsored by Siouland Aging Services, which is working to enable older lowans to live with maximum possible dignity, well-being and independence. Siouland Aging Services is screening the film as an example of its concern for the citizens in Cherokee, Ida, Monona, Plymouth and Woodbury counties. Panelists will include Sandy Wienhold –Siouland Aging Services, Frank Tenuta – Iowa Legal Aid, and Bob Ameen – Department of Human Services. For more information, contact Siouland Aging Services at 712-279-6900, 1-800-798-6916 or at [www.siouxlandaging.org](http://www.siouxlandaging.org).