

# ALMOST *home*

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NEWSLETTER  
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## GREETINGS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

*Our goal is to keep you informed and to get your input on the various facets of the Almost Home Project.*

## Almost done!

By Ben Krutzik

We're happy to report that filming for *Almost Home* is complete, save for a few cutaway shots. Since production began back in December 2003, we've managed to fill six bookshelves with tapes (237 hours worth of footage) and accumulated a massive heap of spent batteries in our office at St. John's.

Brad has started to show the folks at St. John's the scenes we've cut together so far, and he's received some positive responses. After screening a scene of Lloyd Herrold boating with his son for the St. John's Resident Council, one of the residents later called Brad to tell him how much he and the others had appreciated the film.

The post-production process is well underway and Tom Haneke, our editor in New Jersey, is hard at work putting together a rough cut of the film. The rough cut will be done in late January/early February, with the final picture lock version anticipated in early April. Next up, securing our broadcast date. Stay tuned.

Brad will talk more about *Almost Home* and its progress during the January 20<sup>th</sup> coalition phone conference.



*Brad and Lisa shoot a meeting with Sharon Prusow, DON at St. John's*

## Mark your calendars!

**\*The Almost Home coalition phone conference will take place on Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 2pm (CST)**

**\*All public television stations and community partners please RSVP to Lynne Blinkenberg at [blinkenberg@wpt.org](mailto:blinkenberg@wpt.org)**

**\*Call 1-888-677-9189 to join in on the conference!!!**

## What the coalitions are up to...

**KLRU** and its community partner, the **Area Agency on Aging of the Capital Area**, will be joined by AARP in an education campaign on long term care options. The project will achieve increased accessibility to information already existing to help families and caregivers in making decisions. As additional funds are identified, other activities could be added.

**SCETV** and the **South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services** plans to utilize *Almost Home* film clips for professional development to promote discussion at a variety of professional health associations annual meetings. We also plan to produce a town hall program to accompany *Almost Home* using a panel discussion of statewide aging issues and the resources created by *Almost Home*. This program can also be used by local churches and other organizations to promote greater understanding of issues of aging.

**UNC-TV** is partnering with the **Ombudsman Program of the Council on Aging**, the largest organization in North Carolina that deals with senior care. The council has 22 regional branches that service virtually all senior citizens, care providers, and families in North Carolina. The council brings its 22 regional offices together four times a year for a meeting. The organization is excited about using one of these quarterly meetings to preview *Almost Home* and receive training on how to utilize this resource in local communities.

*Learn more about what coalitions have been working on at the January 20<sup>th</sup> conference call!*

**\*Look for your updated *Almost Home* information packet to arrive via snail mail! If you have not already received a PDF file of the packet, please email Lauren at [laburke@uwm.edu](mailto:laburke@uwm.edu)**

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