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**DC MOVIE PREMIER DRAWS ATTENTION TO
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

(Washington, D.C.) – Highly anticipated Hallmark’s Hall of Fame movie “Riding the Bus with My Sister,” will make its East Coast premiere on Thursday, April 28 at a special showing at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. Starring Rosie O’Donnell and Andie MacDowell and directed by Anjelica Huston, the movie will air on CBS on May 1.

Based on the autobiographical book of the same name by Rachel Simon, “Riding the Bus with My Sister” is the story of Beth (O’Donnell), a spirited and self-determined woman with developmental disabilities and her sister Rachel (McDowell), a driven and successful photographer struggling to come to terms with her own life – and her conflicted feelings about her sister. Following their father’s death, Beth extends an invitation to Rachel to join her on her daily bus rides through town for a year and the sisters embark on a powerful and revealing journey that will change their lives. A life-affirming story about the human capacity for love, acceptance and understanding, the film explores the world of adults with developmental disabilities and reveals amazing truths about the heroes of everyday life, the power of family and community, and the strength of the human spirit.

Sponsored by the American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR) and the American Public Transportation Association (APTA), the premiere will begin with a short reception at 6 p.m. The movie will be shown at 6:45 p.m. Rachel Simon, author of the book Riding the Bus with My Sister will also be on hand to sign copies of her popular book, which is now in its ninth printing.

ANCOR is a founding member of the Alliance for Full Participation, a unique alliance of organizations serving the developmental disabilities field. Through the Alliance, these organizations have joined together for the first time to realize the vision of people with developmental disabilities living meaningful, productive and personally satisfying lives in their community of choice. ANCOR is a nonprofit trade association representing private providers who provide supports and services to people with disabilities. Working in the areas of public policy, federal legislative and regulatory initiatives, judicial results, state-level initiatives and the culling of leading practices, ANCOR has distinguished itself as a national presence and authority and continues to be the eyes, ears and voice of private providers providing supports and services to people with disabilities.

For more information about the movie premiere, ANCOR, The Alliance for Full Participation, or related issues, please visit www.apta.com/sister and/or call Jim Carroll at 410-203-1971