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## Healthy Tri-County Partners with County Library Systems for *Unnatural Causes* Screenings

**NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C.** – In honor of Health Literacy Month, Healthy Tri-County has teamed up with Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester Public Library Systems to host a screenings of the documentary *Unnatural Causes* at nine different libraries across the Tri-County region.

*Unnatural Causes* is a seven-part documentary series that premiered nationally on PBS in Spring 2008. It explores the apparent link between a person's health and his social, economic and physical environments, which can affect one's health and longevity as strongly as better-known factors such as smoking, diet and exercise.

The screenings kick off with opportunities at Hanahan Library on Monday, Oct. 8 at 10 am, run through the month of October, culminating in the final showing on Monday, Oct. 29 at 2 pm at the Summerville Branch of the Dorchester Public Library.

"I'm thrilled that all three Tri-County library systems are partnering with Healthy Tri-County on the *Unnatural Causes* video screening series project," Trident United Way Director of Health Kellye McKenzie said. "My hope for this video screening series is that more people in our region will have an understanding about some of the social determinants that contribute to poor outcomes in our communities, and that these people share the information and resources obtained at the screening with their friends and families."

Healthy Tri-County is a regional health initiative powered by MUSC Health, Roper St. Francis Healthcare and Trident United Way. Healthy Tri-County currently has more than 60 formal member organizations from business, government and nonprofit sectors. The health initiative will release its Tri-County Health Improvement Plan at its second annual Tri-County Health Symposium on Oct. 30. All three county library systems are formal members of Healthy Tri-County.

"Because equitable access and sharing information are core values of public libraries, and because public libraries have historically been a source of health information for many members of the community, the *Unnatural Causes* film screening is a fitting way for local libraries to work in partnership with Healthy Tri-County," Charleston County Public Library Deputy Director Jim McQueen said.

Below is a comprehensive list of *Unnatural Causes* screening throughout the Tri-County region:

### **Berkeley County Public Library Screenings:**

Monday, Oct. 8, 10 am (Hanahan Library) – *Episode 1 (In Sickness and In Wealth); Episode 3 (Becoming American)*

Monday, Oct. 8, 1 pm (Daniel Island Library) – *Episode 1 (In Sickness and In Wealth); Episode 6 (Collateral Damage)*

Tuesday, Oct. 9, 10 am (Moncks Corner Library) – *Episode 1 (In Sickness and In Wealth); Episode 4 (Bad Sugar)*

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Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2 pm (St. Stephen Library) – *Episode 1 (In Sickness and In Wealth); Episode 2 (When the Bough Breaks)*

Thursday, Oct. 11, 2 pm (Sangaree Library) - *Episode 1 (In Sickness and In Wealth); Episode 7 (Not Just a Paycheck)*

Friday, Oct. 12, 10:30 am (Goose Creek Library) - *Episode 1 (In Sickness and In Wealth); Episode 5 (Place Matters)*

### **Charleston County Public Library Screenings:**

\*All screenings will take place at the Main Library

Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2 pm – *Episode 1 (In Sickness and In Wealth)*

Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2 pm– *Episode 2 (When the Bough Breaks); Episode 3 (Becoming American)*

Wednesday, Oct. 25 2 pm – *Episode 4 (Bad Sugar); Episode 5 (Place Matters)*

### **Dorchester County Public Library Screenings:**

Tuesday, Oct. 9, 6 pm (Jennie J McMahan Library in St. George) - *Episode 1 (In Sickness and In Wealth)*

Monday, Oct. 15, 2 pm (George H Seago, Jr Library in Summerville) - *Episode 1 (In Sickness and In Wealth)*

Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2 pm (Jennie J McMahan Library in St. George) - *Episode 2 (When the Bough Breaks); Episode 3 (Becoming American)*

Monday, Oct. 22, 2 pm (George H Seago, Jr Library in Summerville) - *Episode 2 (When the Bough Breaks); Episode 3 (Becoming American)*

Tuesday, Oct. 23, 6 pm (Jennie J McMahan Library in St. George) - *Episode 4 (Bad Sugar); Episode 5 (Place Matters)*

Monday, Oct. 29, 2 pm (George H Seago, Jr Library in Summerville) - *Episode 4 (Bad Sugar); Episode 5 (Place Matters)*

