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## **ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE DOCUMENTARY "UNRAVELED" WINS FREDDIE AWARD**

**UNRAVELED** – an independent documentary film that delves into the life of an ordinary family struggling with a legacy of Alzheimer's disease – is the Issues and Ethics category winner of **2008 International Health and Medical Media Awards**, also known as the **FREDDIE Awards**. The award was presented to producer Jacqueline Gares in a black-tie ceremony in Philadelphia on November 14th.

**UNRAVELED** is directed by independent filmmaker Katrina Fullman and produced by Jacqueline Gares of public television's award-winning series, "In the Life."

Now in their 34<sup>th</sup> year, the **FREDDIE Awards** are sponsored by the MediMedia Foundation and are known as the Oscars® of health and medicine.

"This year's entries were extremely competitive, arriving from all corners of the globe," said Derinda Earnhardt, FREDDIE Awards producer. The winning productions came from big-budget production companies including Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, Home Box Office, Discovery Health Channel, and CNN, as well as small independent producers.

"As a low-budget independent documentary combining a personal story with scientific investigation, we are truly honored to be recognized with a FREDDIE Award," says Katrina the film's director. "It's a real vote of confidence from the medical and health communities that will allow us to reach a larger audience of both health care providers and families coping with the disease."

**UNRAVELED** follows director Katrina Fullman as she struggles to make sense of a disease

that robbed women in several generations of her family of both their memories and their lives. She considers undergoing a test to determine whether she carries a gene that increases the risk for the Alzheimer's disease. As she navigates the world of genetic research, counseling and testing, Fullman contemplates what it means to decipher a code that might determine her fate.

#### **ABOUT "THE FREDDIES"**

Thirty-four years ago, **FREDDIE Awards** founder Dr. Fredrick Gottlieb brought the worlds of medical science, education, and the arts together in what has become the preeminent international media competition devoted to educational health and medical productions. Each year, the competition attracts hundreds of submissions from around the world—documentaries, series, shorts, videos, web sites, and CD-ROMs — in 32 categories, including oncology, diabetes, fitness/wellness, infectious diseases, prevention, and women's health. The stories they tell are courageous and inspirational, often documenting the lives of those who have overcome tremendous medical struggles and those who have helped them to do so. Go to [www.thefreddies.com](http://www.thefreddies.com) for more information.

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