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CONFERENCE TO ADDRESS HOARDING ISSUES WITH SENIOR POPULATION

(OLATHE, KS – **JULY 29, 2008**) Randy Frost, PhD, an internationally recognized expert on compulsive hoarding, will be the featured speaker at the conference “Buried in Treasures, A Conference for Healthcare and Mental Health Professionals” on Tuesday, August 12, 2008, from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm at the First Church of the Nazarene, 11811 State Line Road, Kansas City, MO. It is being presented through a partnership between the Foundation on Aging, Kansas City Partners For Caregivers, Johnson County Health Department and the Mental Health Alliance of the Heartland.

Attendees will gain an in-depth understanding of compulsive hoarding, including symptoms, causes and intervention strategies. The cost of the conference is \$45 for non-members of Kansas City Partners for Caregivers and \$35 for members for this timely discussion on an important issue in today's world regarding the elderly.

Dr. Frost, whose work has been featured on The Oprah Winfrey Show, 20/20, Dateline, Good Morning America and NPR, has published over 100 scientific articles and book chapters on obsessive-compulsive disorder and compulsive hoarding.

“The Health Department is excited to be able to offer a resource to the cities of Johnson County in collaboration with our community partners represented on the Community Hoarding Response Team” states Dr. Leon Vinci, Health Director, Johnson County Health Department.

To register for the conference, contact the Foundation on Aging at 913-236-8700 or visit www.foundationonaging.org.

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