

A Photography Project Portrays NYC Elders and their Family Caregivers



Photo by Yael Ben-Zion, courtesy of the artist

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The Carergivers and Professionals Partnership (CAPP) – Caregiver Resource Center of The Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York City will display the work of photographer **Yael Ben-Zion** during November 2007, National Family Caregiver Month. In an effort to recognize family caregivers for their dedication and to raise public awareness of their plight, images of city elders and their family caregivers will be presented throughout the month of November 2007 in the ground floor of the Guggenheim Pavilion, a main public area of the medical center, at 1468 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10029.

In the United States, more than 50 million family caregivers provide 80% of our nation's long-term care services. More people are living to advanced age, and many of them require more assistance over a longer period of time. The result is a tremendous financial, emotional and physical impact on the ever-growing population of family caregivers who support them.

The photography project is the result of the collaborative efforts of Yael Ben-Zion, an artist and a Mount Sinai volunteer, CAPP's staff, and family caregivers and their loved ones. The project portrays the powerful relationships and the daily reality of caregivers and their elderly loved ones in New York City.

CAPP is a program of the Mount Sinai Department of Social Work Services. Since its inception in 1999, CAPP has responded to the critical needs of caregivers with information, counseling, respite and other supportive services. Core funding for the program is provided by the New York City Department for the Aging.

Yael Ben-Zion was born in Minneapolis, MN and raised in Israel. She is a recent graduate of the International Center of Photography's General Studies Program. Yael's work has been exhibited in New York and New Haven. Most recently her photograph was selected for the cover of American Photography 23. Prior to becoming an artist, Yael had an impressive legal career for over twelve years in both Israel and the US. You can find Yael's photography work at www.yaelbenzion.com