



## FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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## Residents Invited to Free Screening of Major Motion Picture “What They Had” to Raise Awareness of Caregiving and Dementia Issues

*Join a discussion with expert panelists to follow the film on Sept. 26*

FREDERICK, MD – The Frederick County Senior Services Division is co-sponsoring a free movie event to raise awareness of the issues surrounding caregiving and dementia. A screening of “What They Had,” will take place from 1 – 4:30 p.m. on Sept. 26 at the Jack B. Kussmaul Theater, Frederick Community College. Starring Academy Award and Golden Globe-winning actress Hilary Swank, EMMY and Tony Award winning actress Blythe Danner, with Michael Shannon, Robert Forster and Taissa Farmiga, “What They Had” centers on a family in crisis. Bridget (Swank) returns home to Chicago at her brother’s (Shannon) urging to deal with her mother’s (Danner) Alzheimer’s and her father’s (Forster) reluctance to let go of their life together.

Following the screening, an expert panel will discuss dementia, caregiving, and ways to help the community to become more Dementia Friendly. The event is in partnership with the Alzheimer’s Association, AARP – Maryland, Frederick Community College and the Frederick County Senior Services Division.

While collaborating on the film, AARP worked closely with the entertainment industry to help raise awareness of many key issues affecting Americans today, such as the challenges many millions of caregivers face in caring for loved ones with dementia and Alzheimer’s.

Seating is limited. Those interested in attending are asked to call 301-600-1234 or e-mail [Alexander@FrederickCountyMD.gov](mailto:Alexander@FrederickCountyMD.gov) to reserve their seats at the theater.

The screening is part of the Dementia Friendly America initiative to more effectively support and serve people who are living with dementia and their family and friend care partners. Organizations such as the Frederick County Senior Services Division support the initiative by engaging, empowering, and equipping people through community connections to services, programs, and resources. For more information, visit [www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/SeniorServices](http://www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/SeniorServices) or call 301-600-1234.

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