Award-winning documentary The Closer We Get spotlights stroke survivor

When Ann Guthrie -  former nurse and mother of film-maker Karen Guthrie - suffered a devastating stroke in 2008, Karen became one of her care-givers at her home in Largs, Scotland. A few years later, with Ann by then almost quadriplegic, they began to make an extraordinary film together - one which became The Closer We Get, released in cinemas in 2015 and on BBC Scotland and on DVD/VOD in 2016, attracting film awards and rave reviews internationally. This funny and poignant film follows the impact of Ann’s stroke within the Guthries’ dramatic family life, spanning fifty years - all told against the backdrop of Ann’s everyday domestic world as a stroke survivor who has lost most of her physical capacities, yet none of her sense of mischief and humour.

Karen’s non-profit production company, Somewhere, have now developed a wide range of outreach and training resources based on the film and its ‘extra footage’. They have created a special DVD of stroke training clips (supported by Chest, Heart & Stroke Scotland) that was distributed free to all UK Stroke Forum 2016 delegates, and have delivered workshops for healthcare professionals, stroke survivors and carers.

They are keen to hear from anyone who would like to use the film in training and education, or to host a screening in their workplace or community.

Website (DVD & VOD available) at [www.thecloserweget.com](http://www.thecloserweget.com)

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