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Living Arrangements for the Developmentally Disabled (LADD) announces ReelAbilities Film Festival Chairs and festival dates—returning March 9th – March 12th, 2017

Cincinnati ReelAbilities Film Festival will be returning to Greater Cincinnati March 9th – March 12th, 2017. Last year the festival was host to 25 films and stars such as Academy Award winner Marlee Matlin. 2016 ReelPrograms were also unveiled.

2017 will bring exciting changes including a more condensed format, going from 8 days to 4 days with films running throughout the weekend. The festival will also take place at one location—the downtown Cincinnati Hyatt, where movie theaters will be set up and parties, celebrity meet and greets and workshops will all be onsite. The festival organizers are excited as in 2016 alone, nearly 500 films were submitted for jury from around the world—up by nearly 100 films from last year.

Kim Vincent, Jenny McCloy, and Cincinnati Reds’ Hall of Famer Dave Parker will lead the 2017 festival. The ReelAbilities Film Festival is the region’s largest film festival dedicated to showcasing the lives, stories and art of people with disabilities. In 2015, the festival had over 12,000 participants and hosted celebrities such as Academy Award winner Marlee Matlin. “This festival unites the community—we are all touched in some way by the stories within these films,” says Dave Parker, founder of the Dave Parker Foundation, and who himself experiences Parkinson’s Disease. Ms. Vincent, an occupational therapist and Board Member of May We Help, a nonprofit that provides adaptive technology to people with disabilities, echoes this sentiment. “I am involved because this festival is a true celebration of the human spirit, is what this city is about, and the films are world-class.” Jenny McCloy, President of the Board at Melodic Connections, a nonprofit that connects people with disabilities to music and mother of Sam, a teenage son with Down syndrome, encourages everyone to attend, “When you see one of these incredible films, you are changed not just in your perception of disability but in your understanding of diversity, and how all of us have something to contribute.



Kim Vincent, Indian Hill



Jenny McCloy, Liberty Twp.



Dave Parker, Bond Hill

ReelAbilities

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the Developmentally Disabled

ABOUT LADD and ReelAbilities:

LADD (Living Arrangements for The Developmentally Disabled) has been providing services to adults with disabilities in our community for 40 years. LADD serves nearly 500 adults with developmental disabilities in Hamilton County through housing, life skill training, employment and day services.

The **Cincinnati ReelAbilities Film Festival**, organized by **LADD**, is our region's largest film festival whose unique purpose is bringing people together to explore our differences and shared humanity. The carefully selected films and events celebrate the stories, lives and art of people who experience disability, with year-round programming and education outreach. **ReelAbilities** was founded in 2007 by JCC Manhattan.

About 2016 ReelPrograms: Join us for encore presentations of sold-out screenings and special events, such as Steve and Elizabeth Wampler joining us to present their film, *Wampler's Ascent*.

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