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STORIES TO CHANGE PEOPLE'S LIVES

To whom this concerns:

Thank you for considering our film to screen as part of your film festival. "Being Seen" offers a rare glimpse into the poorly understood subculture. Following a series of very "human" storylines, the people in this film shatter our preconceptions of this population through their candid and articulate self-awareness. Rather than defining themselves by their diagnosis, individuals (young and old) strive to create meaning, meet adversity, and dream of their futures — leaving us with existential questions about the meaning of "disabled" and "normal".

Bay Area filmmakers, Paul Zehrer and Chikara Motomura, spent over three years following individuals living with developmental disabilities throughout the Bay Area. The filmmakers worked closely with residents and staff at Lifehouse in San Rafael -- a Bay Area agency serving people with disabilities for over 40 years to live productive and independent lives.

We trust and believe our film will move and intrigue a great many people at your festival.

Sincerely,

Paul Zehrer, Producer/Director

Chikara Motomura, Producer/Director of Photography