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NACDD ANNOUNCES PARTNERSHIP WITH NEW FILM “INTELLIGENT LIVES” WHICH AIMS TO SHED LIGHT ON CREATING MORE INCLUSIVE LIVES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

WASHINGTON – November 20, 2018 – New Film, New Partnership! The National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities is thrilled to announce our partnership with award-winning director Dan Habib on his new film, *“Intelligent Lives.”* This film is a catalyst to transform the label of intellectual disability from a life sentence of isolation into a life of possibility for the most systematically segregated people in America.

We are honored to collaborate with Dan Habib (creator of *“Including Samuel”*) around his film’s national release, launching a dynamic and comprehensive impact campaign to raise awareness, engage communities, and create positive change.

“Intelligent Lives” follows the stories of three pioneering young adults with intellectual disabilities – Micah, Naieer, and Naomie – as they challenge perceptions of intelligence while navigating high school, college, and the workforce. As a proud National Outreach Partner (NOP), NACDD looks forward to sharing opportunities to see the film in our local communities. In addition, we are eager to invite YOU, our members and networks, to participate in the *Opening Doors Campaign*, a high-profile and engaging initiative featuring a series of screenings, events, and social media actions to share the powerful possibilities of creating a more inclusive world.

NACDD is very excited to be part of the film’s mission to create more inclusive communities for people with disabilities. “This film aligns exactly with the work and projects of the 56 Councils on Developmental Disabilities. We are eager to see how the Councils incorporate the film into their missions and continue to change the lives of people with developmental disabilities for the better,” said Donna Meltzer, CEO of NACDD.

We hope you will join us in our work to create a world where everyone’s abilities and talents are valued. Learn more, connect on social media and view a clip at www.intelligentlives.org.

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NACDD serves as the national voice of the 56 state and territorial Councils on Developmental Disabilities. We support Councils in implementing the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act and promote the interests and rights of people with developmental disabilities and their families.