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Film challenges IQ testing, limits placed on people with intellectual disabilities

Eitas to host FREE movie screening of the new documentary *Intelligent Lives* on March 21 at Trivoli Cinemas in Kansas City, Mo.

Kansas City, Mo. – March 7, 2019 – INTELLIGENT LIVES, a documentary by award-winning filmmaker Dan Habib, has its Kansas City premiere at Trivoli Cinemas on March 21, 2019 at 7:15 p.m.

INTELLIGENT LIVES stars three pioneering young American adults with intellectual disabilities – Micah, Naieer, and Naomie – who challenge perceptions of intelligence as they navigate high school, college, and the workforce. Academy Award-winning actor and narrator Chris Cooper, a native Kansas Citian, contextualizes the lives of these central characters through the emotional story of his son Jesse, as the film unpacks the shameful and ongoing track record of intelligence testing in the U.S.

Jake Jacobs, eitas Executive Director, will present the documentary. Following the screening, Jacobs will be joined by other eitas staff for a post-film discussion with the audience. The screening and discussion is free and open to the public.

According to filmmaker Dan Habib, people with intellectual disabilities are the most segregated of all Americans. “Only 17 percent of students with intellectual disabilities are included in regular education,” says Habib. “Just 40 percent will graduate from high school. And of the 6.5 million Americans with intellectual disability, barely 15 percent are employed.”

INTELLIGENT LIVES 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.

Advance registration is required by going to conta.cc/2MRzreq. For questions, please contact eitas at 573-363-2000.

eitas is a statutorily-created taxing authority of Jackson County, Missouri, that provides funding and services for Jackson County citizens with developmental disabilities. Their mission is to support individuals with developmental disabilities and their families with services that respect

their choices, increase their opportunities, encourage their independence and assist their inclusion in all aspects of the community.

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