NORTH DAKOTA HUMAN RIGHTS FILM & ARTS FESTIVAL

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HUMAN RIGHTS GRANT ANNOUNCED FOR FILMMAKERS AND ARTIST

FARGO, N.D. (October 22, 2017) – The Human Family has announced the 2017 deadlines for the inaugural Westphal Human Rights Film and Arts Grant Program. The Westphal Human Rights Film & Art Grant Program provides funding for filmmakers and artists living in North Dakota & Moorhead, MN, who are creating works that relate to the discussion of human rights, environmental rights or social justice. All narrative and documentary filmmakers, and 2D, 3D and performance artists are invited to apply. Innovative and original projects are encouraged to apply.

The 2017 grant amount for projects is up to $500. Projects may be brand new or a current project under production. Completed projects are not eligible for grant awards. Projects should have a goal to engage, and seek to educate and facilitate discussion around human rights, environmental rights or social justice.

"We firmly believe that finances shouldn't hinder conversations from taking place," said Human Family Executive Director Sean Coffman. "Our mission to help provide forums for ideas and discussions to take place. We're thrilled to be able to help support artist develop those ideas so those discussions can take place."

Grant applications are due midnight, Friday November 10, 2017. An online application form is available for individuals to complete. Award winners will be announced at the 2017 North Dakota Human Rights Film and Arts Festival's Art Reception and Awards Ceremony on Saturday, November 18, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at the Spirit Room in downtown Fargo.

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The Human Family is a 501(c)(3) organization based in Fargo, North Dakota, and is dedicated to the creation, support, promotion and distribution of human rights, social justice and social issue based projects. The Human Family develops original content, such as The North Dakota Human Rights Film & Arts Festival, the contemporary history project "Those Among Us: The Human Rights Champions of North Dakota".

The North Dakota Human Rights Film and Arts Festival will take place Nov. 13-18, 2017, in Fargo, North Dakota. The art exhibition will open on Monday, Nov. 13, at the Spirit Room in downtown Fargo. The exhibition will be available for viewing through Jan. 5, 2018. The film festival will screen at the Fargo Theater Nov. 15-17, 2017.

The mission of the North Dakota Human Rights Film and Arts Festival is to educate, engage and facilitate discussion around local and worldwide human rights topics through the work of filmmakers and artists. 2017 is the inaugural year for both the film and art festivals. The festival was founded and is managed by the non-profit The Human Family, an organization dedicated to promoting human rights and social justice through film and art. Support for the festival comes from the Fargo Human Relations Commission, the Fargo Native American Commission, Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota, Kensie Wallner Photography, Moorhead Massage and Wellness, the North Dakota Human Rights Coalition, and Park Co. Reality.

For more information about the Westphal Human Rights Film and Arts Grant, visit www.human-family.org For more information, visit the North Dakota Human Rights Film and Arts Festival website, www.ndhrff.org.