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WHO: United Cerebral Palsy/Community Living and Support Services (UCP/CLASS) and WQED Pittsburgh

WHAT: UCP/CLASS and WQED are partnering for Disability Awareness Month to hold a press screening of the film called “Including Samuel,” produced in collaboration with the University of New Hampshire’s Institute on Disability/UCED, “A University Center for Excellence on Disability.” (The documentary will air on WQED-TV (13.1 digital) Sunday, October 11, 2009 at 4 p.m.)

WHERE: UCP/CLASS Centre, 4638 Centre Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213-1596

WHEN: Friday, October 9, 2009 at 10 a.m.

PITTSBURGH—“Including Samuel”, the award-winning documentary by photojournalist Dan Habib, will be screened at the UCP/CLASS Centre in Pittsburgh, PA on Friday, October 9, 2009 at 10 a.m.

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The screening is free of charge and open to local media and the public. This screening is being made available through a partnership between UCP/CLASS and WQED Pittsburgh in recognition of Disability Awareness Month.

Since the film debuted in November 2007, "Including Samuel" has been screened at universities, national conferences and independent theaters across the country. The film has also been featured on NPR's "All Things Considered" and "Good Morning American NOW," as well as in the *Washington Post* and the *Boston Globe*. *Exceptional Parent Magazine* called it a "must see" film.

Before his son Samuel was diagnosed with cerebral palsy, photojournalist Dan Habib rarely thought about the educational inclusion of people with disabilities. Now he thinks about inclusion every day. Shot and produced over four years, Habib's award-winning documentary film, "Including Samuel," honestly chronicles the Habib family's efforts to include Samuel in every facet of their lives. The film also features four other families with varied experiences, plus interviews with dozens of teachers, young people, parents and disability rights experts. "Including Samuel" is a highly personal, passionately photographed film that captures the cultural and systemic barriers to inclusion in schools.

Dan Habib, the director, producer and cinematographer of "Including Samuel," is the Filmmaker in Residence at the Institute on Disability / UCED at the University of New Hampshire. Until joining UNH in April of 2008, Habib was the photography editor of the Concord (NH) Monitor. In 2006 and 2008, he was named the national Photography Editor of the Year for papers with a circulation under 100,000. He oversaw the photo essay by Monitor staff photographer Preston Gannaway called "Remember Me," which won the 2008 Pulitzer Prize for Feature Photography. He has been a judge of the Pulitzer Prizes, Pictures of the Year, Best of Photojournalism and White House News Photographer's Association.

For more information on "Including Samuel," including the film trailer, screening dates, DVD sales, and more, please visit www.includingsamuel.com

WQED Pittsburgh, honored with the 2007 and 2006 Mid-Atlantic Emmy® Award for Station Excellence, was founded in 1954 as the nation's first community-supported broadcaster. WQED creates, produces and distributes quality programs, products and services to engage, inform, educate and entertain the public within its community and around the world. WQED Pittsburgh is one of the first broadcasters in the country to be fully high-definition (HD) in its studio and field production capabilities. It is the parent company of WQED-TV (PBS); WQED: The Neighborhood Channel; WQED: The Create Channel; WQEX-TV (A ShopNBC affiliate);

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Classical WQED-FM 89.3/Pittsburgh; Classical WQED-FM 89.7/Johnstown; local and national television and radio productions; WQED Interactive (www.wqed.org); and The WQED Education Department.

UCP/CLASS is a 501c3 non-profit organization founded in 1951 with the mission of working toward a community where each belongs. UCP/CLASS continually seeks innovative approaches that foster the independence of adults and children with disabilities and promote their full participation in communities and activities of their choice.

NOTE TO WORKING PRESS:

Dan Habib, the producer of the film and Samuel's father is available for interviews. To schedule an interview with Dan, please contact Maria Pisano at 412-622-1459 or mpisano@wqed.org

Interviews with Dr. Al Condeluci, Chief Executive Officer of UCP/CLASS are available prior to or after the screening of "Including Samuel" on October 9. Please contact Courtney Walker at 412-683-7100 x2153 or cwalker@ucpclass.org to schedule and interview.

Keith Jones, an adult who has lived with Cerebral Palsy his entire life and is featured in "Including Samuel" is available for interviews prior to the screening. Interviews with Keith will also be available when he is in Pittsburgh on November 19 and 20 to speak at The Association of Severely Handicapped (TASH) Conference at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center. If you are interested in scheduling an interview, contact Maria Pisano at 412-622-1459 or mpisano@wqed.org

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