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### **Tulsa Based *Susan's Story* Documentary Featuring Advocate with FTD/PPA – Nearing Completion**

Tulsa, Oklahoma – Producers for Kirkpatrick & Kinslow Productions have engaged James Kicklighter, and his firm, JamesWorks Entertainment in Los Angeles to finalize the *Susan's Story* (working title) feature length documentary. The film is expected to be released in 2024.

After Bruce Willis' diagnosis of FTD, Frontotemporal Dementia, with the PPA, Primary Progressive Aphasia disorder, the conversation around FTD has increased exponentially. The subject of *Susan's Story*, Susan Suchan, had the same diagnoses as Bruce Willis. Susan Suchan articulates in "real time" the impact FTD and PPA has on her, after she was initially mis-diagnosed with Early Onset Alzheimer's.

Set against the backdrop of Oklahoma's glowing sunsets, a lush ribbon of river in southwest Missouri, and the sugary sands of Panama City Beach, Florida, Director Russ Kirkpatrick documents the story of a family's fascinating history and how the past plays into current-day dynamics that have to exist because of their matriarch's involuntary life journey, and unorthodox life planning. Filming also took place in Minnesota, and in New York City.

*Susan's Story* turns on its head the idea that someone with a dementia diagnosis doesn't have a voice. While muted because of her life circumstance, Susan Suchan fights relentlessly for those who have no voice with various forms of advocacy.

Through humor, drama, and tragedy, audiences will see first-hand Ms. Suchan's remarkable resilience, while also witnessing how FTD affects family & friends, ranging from financial and relationship impacts, to end of life conversations.

Embedding with Susan Suchan and her family for several weeks, Kirkpatrick brought in acclaimed Cinematographer Samuel Calvin to capture the story in a "fly on the wall" style, while relying on producers Wendy Parker & Sha'ree Green to manage logistics. Parker & Green managed a highly dynamic & intensive shooting schedule over the course of 5 weeks, in dozens of locations, in multiple states. Besides the multi-week stretch of concurrent filming, additional filming continued in various forms for several years.

This is the second creative endeavor between Kirkpatrick & Kinslow & JamesWorks Entertainment. The first collaboration resulted in the award-winning global sensation, *The Sound Of Identity*, that has screened at 70+ film festivals, and private screenings, in 36 countries on all 7 continents. *The Sound Of Identity's* distribution footprint is increasing in size. Joining domestic distribution through Shout! Factory in Hollywood, and foreign distribution in Great Britain & Territories through Bohemia Media in London, producers have just agreed to distribution in Belgium through Proximus Media House, in Brussels.

Kirkpatrick & Kinslow Productions is an Emmy® award winning international film production company, producing movies, documentaries, and content for television. Russ Kirkpatrick & Andy Kinslow are members of the PGA, The Producers Guild of America. Their newest film in development, the *Will To Win* Movie, featuring a Will Rogers character, is the first ever to be endorsed by the Will Rogers Family, outside of a 1952 biopic, featuring one of Will Rogers sons, as his father.

James Kicklighter, and JamesWorks Entertainment is a full-service production company based in Los Angeles, CA. In April 2023, JamesWorks completed production on their latest film, *The American Question*, examining the root of American polarization and the repercussions of eroded civic institutions, public trust, and leadership. *The American Question* is represented by UTA Independent Film Group.

Kirkpatrick & Kinslow first secured rights to the *Susan's Story* property in 2016. Producers are in discussions with potential distributors now for the *Susan's Story* project.

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