



INTERNATIONAL PAIN FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES OUR 2020 Community Impact Award Recipients

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The International Pain Foundation (iPain) Is Proud to Announce Our Community Impact Award Recipients for 2020.

iPain Community Impact Award was created by the International Pain Foundation to recognize video entertainment; films, animations, short films, public service announcements, music videos and documentaries that change the pain community for the better this past year. We have chosen to recognize 4 pieces (1 documentary, 1 animation and 2 films) for their positive impact on the chronic pain community in 2020.

Humanizing Healthcare Film

A narrative driven emotionally paced documentary about healthcare experiences in the United States. The film explores deeply rooted systemic issues across the healthcare ecosystem and the barriers they present to people at each touch point in care delivery. The project is produced by Kistein Monkhouse the storyteller innovator that has captured the stories of patients, frontline health care workers, policy makers and everyday Americans as they navigate the healthcare system. Dive in and learn about the emergence of institutionalized healthcare delivery in the US and the call to action from Americans to humanize healthcare.

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/ondemand/humanizinghealthcare>

Teresa Johnson (2020 iPain Hero of Hope; Patient Advocacy Winner) - Humanizing Health Care is a poignant, eye-opening film that brings to light healthcare disparities, patient and consumer needs, patient perspectives and solutions to systemic barriers. This film is a tutorial, it teaches, inspires and call's one to act. Well done.

Trust Me I am Sick Docu-Series

A short, online documentary series exploring the impact of chronic illness on the lives of five individuals in Los Angeles, California - Ezra (18), Giuliani (29), Henriette (50), Matt (32) and Cassandra (28) share intimate stories about how Lupus, HIV and other chronic health conditions shape their relationships, careers and expectations for the future. Trust Me, I'm Sick is composed of 5 x 5-7min short films, each tethered to themes of love, work, family and mental health.

Trailer: https://youtu.be/M_WHlpvQeNw

Erica Lupinacci, co-founder of Suffering the Silence - "We cannot cure many of these [spotlighted in this docu-series] illnesses right now, but I believe we have the power to change how we treat each other, and that feels just as important to me."

We are Visible Film

A documentary film about people all around the world living with Ehlers-Danlos syndrome. The Ehlers-Danlos syndromes are a group of rare connective tissue disorders that can affect every part of the body. And EDS is an invisible illness, just like many other chronic conditions. People living with EDS may be



severely disabled, but the people around them can't see their disability, which leads to a common misconception: How can you be sick and disabled if you look perfectly fine? 'We Are Visible' shows seven stories including people of all ages (5 - 60 years old), from six different countries with diverse backgrounds, different financial standing who are all differently affected by this invisible condition. They will share their challenges, fights, and fears, but also their achievements, hopes, and triumphs. Today, they are visible.

Trailer: <https://youtu.be/K4c7vXZhmyg>

David-Elijah Nahmod, Journalist and Film Critic - It's a profoundly moving and eye-opening film that will hopefully find an audience outside of the Ehlers-Danlos community. It's a film that calls for compassion and understanding, and explains in no uncertain terms exactly what Ehlers-Danlos can do to a person's body.

Wuhan Style Animation

The animation, Go For Wuhan Style is about lowering stigma of Coronavirus patients and celebrating the life of Dr. Li - Coronavirus Hero - Dr. Li Wenliang was a Chinese ophthalmologist at the Wuhan Central hospital. He was the first to share warnings of the COVID-19 Coronavirus on December 30th, 2020. He was detained by police for "making false comments on the Internet" but was later released and went back to caring for his patients, which led to himself contracting the virus. Dr. Li died of the disease on February 7th, 2020. He showed true care and love for his patients, suffering with them at the cost of his own life.

Animation: <https://youtu.be/O2CuKCPSyXg>

Jodi Dragon - Thank you for sharing this video with us! It was sad to read what happened to Dr. Li Wenliang. He obviously was a wonderful doctor who cared about his patients and wasn't afraid to speak up and educate the public. Our prayers are with his family and friends.

The award recipients will be honored live at the International Pain Summit on November 14, 2020 held virtually. The recipients will be recognized in the event program as well as receive an award certificate.

Thank you to all our 2020 award recipients for all you do to put a spotlight on chronic pain diseases and other chronic pain conditions.

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