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**DOCUMENTARY SHOWCASE PREMIERES  
*THE EMPOWERMENT PROJECT: ORDINARY WOMEN DOING  
EXTRAORDINARY THINGS***

Los Angeles, CA – October 9, 2018 – Scientology Network’s DOCUMENTARY SHOWCASE, the weekly series providing a platform for Independent filmmakers to air films on important social, cultural and environmental issues, presents *The Empowerment Project: Ordinary Women Doing Extraordinary Things*, on October 12, 2018.

DOCUMENTARY SHOWCASE premieres Fridays at 8 p.m. ET/PT on Scientology Network.

When documentarian Sarah Moshman saw a shortage of inspiring stories about real women achieving success in their fields, she decided to do something about it. She and four female partners raised more than \$26,000 from a Kickstarter campaign, then hit the road in a minivan for a 30-day cross-country trip, tracking down successful women who had inspired them and who they believed will inspire the next generation of women.

The result was an award-winning film, *The Empowerment Project: Ordinary Women Doing Extraordinary Things*, which spotlights 17 positive and powerful women including a pilot, a cancer researcher, a TV executive, an astronaut, a brewmaster, an athlete, a math professor, a legislator and more. What these women have in common is that none of them let a fear of failure stand in their way of success.

**ABOUT SARAH MOSHMAN**

Sarah Moshman is an Emmy Award-winning filmmaker. After directing two short films about young women, *Girls Rock! Chicago* and *Growing Up Strong: Girls on the Run*, she set out to direct her first feature documentary. The result is *The Empowerment Project*, which continues the conversation about gender equality. The documentary has won a number of film festival awards including

Outstanding Documentary, Spirit of Independents Award, and the People's Choice award.

In an interview with the Scientology Network for DOCUMENTARY SHOWCASE, Moshman shared insights into her film.

“We are making up for lost time by trying to shine a light, a very beautiful light on women stories. It's really my way of trying to contribute to a landscape that I want to see more of—women as heroes. The more of these stories we can share on various platforms, the more eyeballs we can get, and the more change we can make.”

### **ABOUT DOCUMENTARY SHOWCASE**

Fundamental to Scientology is a humanitarian mission that extends to some 200 nations with programs for human rights, human decency, literacy, morality, drug prevention and disaster relief. For this reason, the Scientology Network provides a platform for Independent filmmakers who embrace a vision of building a better world.

DOCUMENTARY SHOWCASE debuts films weekly from award-winning Independent filmmakers whose goal is to improve society by raising awareness of social, cultural and environmental issues.

For more information, visit [\*\*scientology.tv/docs\*\*](https://www.scientology.tv/docs).

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The Scientology Network debuted on March 12, 2018. Since launching, the Scientology Network has been viewed in 237 countries and territories worldwide in 17 languages. Satisfying the curiosity of people about Scientology, the network takes viewers across six continents, spotlighting the everyday lives of Scientologists; showing the Church as a global organization; and presenting its social betterment programs that have touched the lives of millions worldwide. The network also showcases documentaries by Independent filmmakers who represent a cross section of cultures and faiths, but share a common purpose of uplifting communities.

Broadcast from Scientology Media Productions, the Church's global media center in Los Angeles, the Scientology Network can be streamed at

scientology.tv and is available through satellite television, mobile apps and via the Roku, Amazon Fire and Apple TV platforms.

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