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## DOCUMENTARY SHOWCASE SADDLES UP FOR INSPIRATIONAL 500 MILES

Los Angeles, CA – November 1, 2019 – 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 award-winning documentary 500 Miles on November 8, 2019.

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

500 Miles follows the journey US veterans navigate after coming home from their service. For some, acclimating to life after war is a challenge at best. But a uniquely effective rehabilitation program pairs combat warriors with wild horses. Together they travel an unforgiving landscape to find a true sense of purpose and personal peace.

Spearheaded by the nonprofit Heroes and Horses program, this feature-length documentary is a soulful portrayal of 16 veterans and their struggles to return to civilian life. Through their stories, we understand their difficulties coming back home, their desires to overcome their demons and their need to reclaim a life with their families. Executive produced by Heroes and Horses founder Micah Fink, 500 Miles follows the arduous but ultimately redemptive journey of overcoming the physical and emotional hardships associated with combat by connecting with life on a visceral level, renewing the spirit and finding a sense of belonging for both man and animal. And all this accomplished without the use of psycho-pharmaceutical drugs.

## **ABOUT MICAH FINK**

Producer Micah Fink joined the military in 2003 and spent 10 years as a US Navy SEAL in both active duty and reserves. He has earned numerous commendations, including the Bronze Star.

Micah started the nonprofit Heroes and Horses program in 2014 after realizing that, despite billions spent every year, a growing number of veterans were becoming addicted to drugs and committing suicide. The core philosophy of Heroes and Horses is to present challenges that invoke change. Thus by reengaging veterans in life, the experience changes how they approach and solve problems. The ultimate goal of Heroes and Horses is inspiring veterans to move beyond the emotional trauma from years of war, towards a life of restoration and hope.

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The Scientology Network debuted on March 12, 2018. Since launching, the Scientology Network has been viewed in 240 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 <a href="mailto:scientology.tv">scientology.tv</a> and is available through satellite television on DIRECTV Channel 320, mobile apps and via the Roku, Amazon Fire and Apple TV platforms.

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