



"Including Samuel" To Air On Public TV Nationally This Fall

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Samuel Habib sits on the lap of his father, Dan Habib, behind the steering wheel of his grandfather's sea plane as they prepare for a flight. Credit: Dan Habib from the film "Including Samuel," www.includingsamuel.org.

DURHAM, N.H. – Before his son Samuel was diagnosed with cerebral palsy, photojournalist Dan Habib rarely thought about the inclusion of people with disabilities. Now he thinks about inclusion every day. Habib's award-winning documentary film "Including Samuel", about his family's commitment to including Samuel in every aspect of life, will be broadcast this fall nationwide. Habib is filmmaker in residence at the Institute on Disability at the University of New Hampshire.

Many stations are broadcasting "Including Samuel" in October, which is Disability Awareness Month. The program will air in New York City and region (WLIW, Oct. 3 and 7, 2009), Houston (Oct. 4), Boston (WGBH, Oct. 18), Los Angeles (KCET, Oct. 22), and Chicago (WTTW, Nov. 8).

In New Hampshire, broadcasts on New Hampshire Public Television (Oct. 5, 6, 9, 11, 12, 16 and 17, 2009) will all be followed by the locally produced "Including Samuel: A NH Outlook Special." For a complete listing of local television broadcast dates and times, go to www.includingsamuel.com/television. Two free screening toolkits, intended for use by young people and adults who would like to host broadcast viewing parties, are available for download at www.includingsamuel.com.

Shot and produced over four years, Habib's 58-minute film documents his family's hopes and struggles as well as the experiences of four other individuals with disabilities and their families. "Including Samuel" is a highly personal, passionately photographed film that captures the cultural and systemic barriers to inclusion.

After a 20-year career as a New Hampshire photojournalist, Habib left the Concord Monitor newspaper in 2008 to join UNH's Institute on Disability (IOD). Since "Including Samuel" was released on DVD in 2008, Habib and the IOD have shared the film with communities, universities, conferences, film festivals and independent theaters nationally and internationally. The film has also been featured on NPR and Good Morning America, as well as in the Washington Post and the Boston Globe. Good Morning America called it "a very, very riveting film."

National broadcast of "Including Samuel" is supported by the National Inclusion Project and CVS Caremark All Kids Can.

"Including Samuel" is part of the Institute on Disability/UCED, a non-profit 501(c)3 organization at the University of New Hampshire. The project's mission is to build more inclusive schools and communities through curriculum, training, and outreach. The Institute on Disability at the University of New Hampshire was established in 1987 to provide a coherent university-based focus for the improvement of knowledge, policies, and practices

related to the lives of persons with disabilities and their families. Its mission is to advance policies and systems changes, promising practices, education, and research that strengthen communities to ensure full access, equal opportunities, and participation for all persons. Learn more at www.iod.unh.edu.

The University of New Hampshire, founded in 1866, is a world-class public research university with the feel of a New England liberal arts college. A land, sea, and space-grant university, UNH is the state's flagship public institution, enrolling 11,800 undergraduate and 2,400 graduate students.

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Photographs available to download:

http://includingsamuel.com/downloads/images/samuel_plane_color.jpg

Caption: Samuel Habib sits on the lap of his father, Dan Habib, behind the steering wheel of his grandfather's sea plane as they prepare for a flight.

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Caption: Dan Habib supports his son, Samuel Habib, during a t-ball game in Concord, NH, on May 27, 2006. Samuel uses a "Bronco" all-terrain walker to hit and get around the bases.

From Habib's documentary film "Including Samuel," www.includingsamuel.org.

Credit: Lori Duff/Concord Monitor.

Additional photographs are available to download at

<http://includingsamuel.com/press/presskit.aspx#photos>.