

## October is Disability Awareness Month

### THE GOOD LIFE – celebrating disability through film

All DVD's and Videos available from the Jameson Lending Library  
 Arc of Snohomish County [www.arcsno.org](http://www.arcsno.org) 425-258-2459 Ext. 104, Jamie Coonts  
 And viewed at Sproutflix [www.sproutflix.org](http://www.sproutflix.org)

#### **Chimes For Tyler** (8 minutes) 2014

Is a story about a boy with autism named Tyler Doi who loves wind chimes. Tyler has been classified as an Autistic savant, and as such, he has an exceptional skill in a very specific area. In Tyler's case, he can distinguish the sounds of the entire inventory of Woodstock's chimes. And he can do this by sound alone, without having to see the chimes.

<http://sproutflix.org/all-films/chimes-for-tyler/>

#### **Jacob's Turn** (8 minutes) 2010

Jacob's Turn is the story of Jacob Titus, a four-year-old boy from the small rural community of Floyds Knobs, Indiana. Jacob loves to play T-ball, like thousands of kids across the country. Jacob also happens to have Down Syndrome. The film shows how Jacob's "turn" at bat and on the field was a thrill for him, but more importantly, an event that transformed the hearts of everyone in his town.

<http://sproutflix.org/all-films/jacobs-turn/>

#### **For The Love Of Dogs** (25 minutes) 2014

An inspiring, heart-warming story told through the eyes of Cory: a brilliant and talented 11 year-old boy with Asperger's Syndrome. Follow Cory's journey from the National Dog Show to Westminster, and witness how a boy's passion for dogs has opened up his communication with the world around him. <http://sproutflix.org/all-films/for-the-love-of-dogs/>

#### **Acting Normal** (35 minutes) 2009

A performing arts studio for adults with developmental disabilities changes the perception of Hollywood casting agents and producers to hire these trained actors to play characters with disabilities in film and television. <http://sproutflix.org/all-films/acting-normal/>

#### **Anything Is Possible** (3 minutes) 2004

In this short video, we meet a boy whose little sister has Angelman Syndrome, a rare genetic disorder. Through a poem he wrote, we see the strong bond that exists between these siblings.

<http://sproutflix.org/all-films/anything-is-possible/>

### Additional DVD's and Videos on Inclusion and Living a Full Life can be viewed at:

#### **Sproutflix** [www.sproutflix.org](http://www.sproutflix.org)

Sproutflix is the only distributor of films specifically and exclusively related to the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities. Offers streams, downloads, DVDs and playlists to be purchased and licensed for institutional use. Here are a few films to get you started. Type in the title in the search engine. Films located by alphabetical order.

#### **Hold My Hand** (17 Minutes) 2011

"Hold My Hand" explores the significance of difference and equality in the life of Eliza Schaaf, a 20 year old woman living with Down syndrome.

#### **Cassilly: How I Got To College** (20 minutes) 2002

Is a compelling story of a young woman named Cassilly who has overcome many barriers and whose successful participation in a community college has enhanced the quality of her life.

#### **Determined To Dance** (15 Minutes) 2010

An inspiring portrait of a group of young dancers with Down syndrome and their families. The video also includes rehearsal footage and actual performances.

#### **Dancing With Downs** (8 Minutes) 2009

Madrid dance troop Danza Down enchants audiences with classical ballet, traditional Spanish dance and musical theatre performances. What makes the dance troop special is that all of the dancers in the troop have Down Syndrome.

#### **Cocktails With Ben** (11 Minutes) 2009

Despite severe medical hardships, learning disabilities, and challenges "fitting in" with peers, Ben's love for life, and for music, shines through. Cocktails with Ben is a testament to the human spirit with "life lessons" for all.

#### **Distinctively** (4 Minutes) 2010

Ella and Eavan, both age 6, are identical twins. They were born only three minutes apart, yet are separated by a large distinction: Ella has Down syndrome while Eavan does not. Their parents strive to maximize their children's' potential.

#### **The Horse Boy** (93 Minutes) 2009

The Horse Boy is a touching tale of family resilience in the face of a young boy's autism. An up close and deeply personal look at a devoted couple's heart-wrenching decision to travel to the ends of the earth to heal their son.

When the only child of psychology professor Kristin Neff and writer Rupert Isaacson, Rowan, was diagnosed with autism, says Rupert, it was "like being hit across the face with a baseball bat." Western medicine provided no solutions for a child in constant pain, and Rowan's explosive tantrums became a way of life. A horseman himself, Rupert noticed that Rowan's only true emotional connection was with Betsy, a neighbor's mare. This gave Rupert the idea to take his family to Mongolia and ride from healer to healer in pursuit of a miracle with Scott in tow. Through his lens, we watch the Isaacsons subject themselves and Rowan with the help of native guide Toga to rugged mountain terrain, grueling riding conditions, and inclement weather. Throughout the journey, they waver between doubt about their own potentially absurd experiment and encouragement as in the moment they see Rowan finally relate to Toga's son.