



ITVS HOSTS SCREENING OF NEWTOWN IN ORLANDO

*ITVS joins the City of Orlando and Global Peace Film Festival to screen
NEWTOWN in advance of Spring 2017 PBS Airdate*

ORLANDO, Fla. – ITVS, regarded for producing independent films that tackle complex social issues and enhance dialogue, is leading two screening events for *NEWTOWN* at this year's Global Peace Film Festival. Tapping the power of independent film to bring together communities like those affected by gun violence in Newtown, CT, and Orlando, ITVS will screen the 85-minute documentary and convene a panel. Along with the *NEWTOWN* filmmaker and key film subjects, local leaders and others will participate in this moderated panel discussion focusing on community resilience and healing, and ways we can address gun violence.

NEWTOWN was filmed over three years, and the documentary by director Kim A. Snyder and producer Maria Cuomo Cole offers a window into the lives of people deeply affected by the deadliest mass shooting of schoolchildren in America. Through first-person testimonies, the film shows how a community still reeling from a senseless tragedy and fractured by grief can come together.

The screenings, and accompanying community panels, will be the first in a series of Indie Lens Pop-Up events held in cities confronting the fallout of recent gun violence before its television premiere. *NEWTOWN* will air in March 2017 on Independent Lens on PBS.

In addition to *NEWTOWN*, the Global Peace Film Festival will screen the ITVS-funded films: *BEST OF ENEMIES* and *CARE*.

WHEN: September 24 and 25, 2016

WHERE: September 24, 2016
7:45 p.m. screening followed by a panel discussion
Plaza Cinema Café, Orlando

September 25, 2016
5:00 p.m. screening followed by a panel discussion
Rollins College, Bush Auditorium, Winter Park

WHO: September 24: Kim A. Snyder (*Newtown* Director), Mark and Jackie Barden (*Newtown* film subjects, Founder and Managing Director of Sandy Hook Promise), moderated by Shaady Salehi (Managing Director, Distribution & Impact at ITVS)

September 25: Kim A. Snyder (Director), Interfaith Council of Central Florida, moderated by Shaady Salehi (Managing Director, Distribution & Impact at ITVS)

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