

STOLEN CHILDHOOD PREMIERE
OCTOBER 20TH, 2018
CAPITOL THEATRE, CHATHAM, ONTARIO

Novaturient Productions is proud to announce that Stolen Childhood is officially scheduled to premiere on October 20, 2018, at the Capitol Theatre in Chatham, Ontario.

The documentary centres on the pediatric autoimmune disease called PANDAS (Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections). Few doctors acknowledge, let alone treat PANDAS, leaving 1 in 200 children to suffer from the debilitating symptoms which include but are not limited to tics, OCD like behaviours, anxiety, aggression and suicidal thoughts - all caused by inflammation of the brain.

The team creating the documentary have travelled throughout Canada, including Vancouver, Chatham and Halifax, interviewing families, doctors, therapists and researchers. They received an interview from Dr. Susan Swedo, one of the founders of PANDAS as well as the Chief of Pediatrics & Developmental Neuroscience Branch at the National Institute of Mental Health in the United States all in order to tell the most inclusive and informative story about PANDAS.

Partnered with *PANDAS/PANS Ontario* and *PANDAS Canada*, the documentary's main goal is to raise awareness about PANDAS and encourage awareness throughout communities as well as with medical professionals. "It will enable parents and caregivers to ask the right questions. It will enable medical professionals to open their minds and their hearts and start making a difference for our children" said Associate Producer Jennifer Davis - who also has two children with PANDAS.

The entire crew for the documentary has generously volunteered all of their time and resources into making this documentary. "To me, that speaks louder than words. This crew has seen the struggle these children and families go through - they see the pain. They want to make a difference. They want to help" said Co-Producer Sara Van Vugt. Christina Magnoli, Co-Producer, said, "If by spreading awareness about PANDAS through a documentary could help even one child to not have to deal with the pain that it causes, then this documentary will count as a major success in my books."

For more information on Stolen Childhood, please visit: stolenchildhood.ca or email at info@stolenchildhood.ca