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## MNITF and Suzanne DeLaurentiis Productions Present Heartwarming New Christmas Film "THE CHRISTMAS CHAIN" - A Heartfelt Journey of Friendship and Generosity

LOS ANGELES (November 5, 2025) – The Mendez National Institute of Transplantation Foundation (MNITF) and Suzanne DeLaurentiis Productions are excited to announce the global streaming release of their new holiday feature, *The Christmas Chain*, available through Uncork'd Entertainment starting November 15, 2025. Directed by Dale Fabrigar and written by Tricia Aurand, this heartwarming story celebrates the spirit of generosity and the unbreakable bonds formed through acts of kindness.

The Christmas Chain follows twin brothers Dez and Jerome on their journey home for Christmas after Jerome suffers a life-threatening kidney injury. Along their journey, they meet Sabrina, a compassionate musician who selflessly offers to donate her kidney to Jerome. Through this remarkable act, the film highlights the beauty of giving and the impact one person's kindness can have on many lives.

The film stars Stephen Green, Tyler Andrews, Carissa Murray, Michael Paré, Chelsea Gilson, and features a special cameo by Eric Roberts. Produced by Nicole Mendez and Suzanne DeLaurentiis, *The Christmas Chain* is already garnering critical acclaim, winning awards on the film festival circuit and earning the Dove Seal of Approval for its positive message and family-friendly content.

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## **About the Mendez National Institute of Transplantation Foundation (MNITF):**

MNITF is a public non-profit organization that adheres to its mission of advancing the science and practice of organ transplantation and end-stage organ disease therapies through research, education, and innovation. MNITF's commitment to education and outreach has resulted in successful, community patient education programs that target underserved populations to increase awareness and access to transplantation.

The award-winning web series, *Fixing Paco*, which was shot in both English and Spanish, is a groundbreaking 10-episode telenovela-style series created to provide vital information about kidney transplantation and maintenance to Latinos and those with end-stage renal disease (ESRD).

Similar to the award-winning *Fixing Paco* series, *Linked by Love* presents transplant and living donation information by combining education and entertainment (edutainment) to create a fictional story that incorporates drama and comedy. *Linked by Love* is unique because scientific research is being used to help create the main characters and storyline by addressing the common barriers that prevent Black or African Americans from accessing and utilizing transplantation as a treatment option.

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