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Crowds Gather for The Christmas Chain Premieres in Hollywood

BEVERLY HILLS, CA (November 18, 2024) The holiday spirit was in full swing as *The Christmas Chain*, a heartwarming new film, made its grand debut at the Fine Arts Theater in Beverly Hills and the Gary Marshall Theater in Burbank. The premiere, hosted by the Mendez National Institute of Transplantation Foundation (MNITF) and Suzanne DeLaurentiis Productions, drew an enthusiastic crowd of attendees, including fans, supporters, and Hollywood insiders.

Celebrity cast members **Eric Roberts** and **Michael Paré** lit up the red carpet alongside key stars **Stephen Green**, **Carissa Murray**, and **Tyler Andrews**. Producers **Nicole Mendez** and **Suzanne DeLaurentiis** delighted guests with a festive reception complete with special holiday-themed gifts.

Set against the backdrop of Christmas, *The Christmas Chain* tells the story of twin brothers Dez and Jerome as they embark on a life-changing journey home for the holidays. When Jerome suffers a life-threatening kidney injury, the brothers cross paths with Sabrina, a compassionate musician whose extraordinary act of generosity transforms their lives. The film celebrates the power of giving and the profound ripple effects of one person's kindness.

The event was made possible by the generous support of sponsors, including **Pink's Hot Dogs**, **Tona, Booze and Brews**, **Maralyn & Justin Dooley**, **Total Financial Wealth Management**, **TFS Financial Insurance Services**, and **Parking Company of America**.

Now available for streaming on **Tubi**, **Apple TV**, **Vudu**, **Google Play**, and **iTunes**, *The Christmas Chain* is poised to become a holiday favorite, inspiring audiences with its message of hope and the spirit of giving.

For more information, please contact Suzanne DeLaurentiis Productions LLC at delarentiisllc@gmail.com. To learn more about kidney health and transplantation, visit MNITF.org

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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