

Wisconsin Nurses Association: Defining Hope documentary on Nov 1 statewide

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Defining Hope, a new documentary following eight patients with life-threatening illness and the nurses who guide them, will be released in select theaters nationwide for special screenings on November 1st, in honor of National Hospice and Palliative Care Month. The film will have screenings in Milwaukee, Madison, La Crosse, Janesville, Oshkosh, and Minocqua at varying times on November 1st, and is made possible by the generous support of ONS Wisconsin Capitol Chapter, WNA Palliative and End of Life Care Nursing Coalition, Eta Pi, Men in Nursing, OSNA, Ascension at Home, and Minocqua Public Library.

Defining Hope explores what makes life worth living and what to do for ourselves and our loved ones as we get closer to the end of life. Through the stories of patients, families, nurses, and healthcare professionals, the conversation around quality end-of-life care is brought to the forefront.

Defining Hope is produced by Carolyn Jones Productions, the same team that created The American Nurse Project, an award-winning photography book and documentary film celebrating nurses. Defining Hope is made possible through the generous support of the Jonas Center for Nursing and Veterans Healthcare, the American Nurses Foundation, Jeannie Patz Blaustein, The E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation, and Walden University. Nurses will receive 1.25 free contact hours (CNEs) for watching the film and completing the evaluation. To learn more

about the film, visit www.hope.film.

About Carolyn Jones Productions

Carolyn Jones Productions is best known for producing socially proactive documentary films and photography, using a variety of media tools to create projects that point our attention toward issues of global concern. From people “living positively” with AIDS, to women artisans supporting entire communities, and nurses on the frontlines of our healthcare system, Carolyn Jones Productions is devoted to celebrating invisible populations and breaking down barriers. Jones’ most widely acclaimed book publications include *Living Proof: Courage in the Face of AIDS* and *The American Nurse*, which led to a feature documentary included in the U.S. State Department’s American Film Showcase. The company’s newest project, the documentary *Defining Hope*, is the culmination of a journey investigating how we can make better end-of-life choices. For more information, visit www.carolynjones.com and watch “A Tribute to Nurses.”

www.ted.com/talks/carolyn_jones_a_tribute_to_nurses

The Palliative and End-of-Life Care Nursing Coalition is a Mutual Interest Group from the Wisconsin Nurses Association. You can see more details about the group on WNA’s website here.