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Award Winning Documentary Featuring Rush University Medical Center Physicians to be Screened at Special Event March 19

"10 Mountains in 10 Years" Screening to Benefit the Focus on a Cure Foundation for Parkinson's

The Chicago premiere of the award winning documentary "10 Mountains in 10 Years", which features a patient and physicians from Rush University Medical Center, will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 19 at the Arcada Theatre, 105 E. Main Street, St. Charles. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Focus on a Cure Foundation for Parkinson's.

The documentary film follows mountain climber Enzo Simone and his team of international climbers as they scale ten of the greatest peaks in the world to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases.

Director Jennifer Yee juxtaposes the climb with footage of neurosurgeon Dr. Roy Bakay and neurologist Dr. Leo Verhagen as they perform Deep Brain Stimulation surgery on Parkinson's patient Ken Glowienke at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago.

The movie has a special introduction by Leeza Gibbons, is narrated by Anne Hathaway and has a title track by Bruce Springsteen. The film was made in cooperation with Leezas Memory house and The Focus on a Cure Foundation for Parkinson's. It was voted best documentary at film festivals in Boston and Connecticut.

It was Glowienke's desire to raise awareness about Parkinson's disease that led him to partner with Back Light Productions and allow cameras to videotape his Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) surgery and recovery in 2008. The procedure treats the debilitating symptoms of Parkinson's disease, such as tremor, rigidity, stiffness, slowed movement and walking problems.

During the surgery, a small hole was drilled in Glowienke's head while he was awake to implant a small wire or lead. That lead is attached to an electrical stimulator implanted under the skin near the collarbone. Once the system is in place, electrical impulses are sent from the neurostimulator up along the extension wire and the lead into the brain. These impulses interfere with and block the electrical signals that cause Parkinson's disease symptoms.

"The DBS procedure and film have changed my life and quality of life tremendously. The care and expertise I received during the DBS process and follow up care from the Rush Neurology team was excellent." said Glowienke.

Glowienke says watching his story on movie screens around the nation has been an incredible experience.

"The most emotional moment was sitting in Grauman's Egyptian Theater in Hollywood, California. Following the screening the cast was introduced. Ann and I received a 600 person standing ovation," said

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Glowienke. "After sitting down, Leeza Gibbons came over to us and spent several minutes expressing to us how she was waiting to meet us, telling us what an inspiration we were and thanked us for sharing our story. It was surreal and a moment we will not soon forget."

Glowienke was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in November of 2004 and less than three years later, he and his wife Ann established the Focus on the Cure Foundation with the hopes of raising awareness, increasing education, providing support to patients and family members who live with Parkinson's disease.

The Foundation has raised over \$200,000 since its inception and awarded numerous grants for research and Parkinson's support, including a \$50,000 donation to Rush University Medical Center last year.

"I find it amazing what Ken Glowienke has accomplished. First he and his wife started the Focus on a Cure Foundation to support PD research, and now he has come out with this wonderful documentary that raises awareness of Parkinson's disease. It is inspiring to us who are taking care of people with Parkinson's disease to see his determination and it motivates us to continue working hard to improve their quality of life," said Verhagen. "In this climate of decreasing federal funding it is becoming harder to conduct research. I encourage everyone who is in some way touched by this movie to follow Mr. Glowienke's example and be proactive in support of PD research so that we can ultimately honor the name of his Foundation and truly focus on a cure."

Tickets for the March 19 screening are \$20 and can be purchased at www.focusonacure.org. All proceeds benefit the Focus on a Cure Foundation.

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