



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 17, 2019

Media Contact:

Meghan du Mee (Hurder), Publicist

meghan@unaff.org

UNAFF & KIDS DAY

Free Admission

Screenings to be held at the Mitchell Park Community Center in Palo Alto on

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

Beginning at 12:30pm with activities for kids and parents, the eleventh annual presentation of the **UNAFF & Kids Program** will take place on **Sunday, October 27th** continuing the UNAFF mission to promote social change through education. The day will include films about teachers and social workers in East Africa helping students get to school safely and an unlikely skateboarding school for girls in Afghanistan.

ZULFA AND ABDULI WALK TO SCHOOL *(Tanzania)*

Zulfa and Abduli Walk to School is a story of two children on their daily journey to school, portraying not only the dangers on the road, which include young children hitch hiking and dodging dangerous traffic, but also aims to give the audience a view into the daily home and school life of children living on this African Islamic island. Directed and produced by Jen Pro. 12:35pm.

A GIRL FROM PARSIAN *(Iran)*

This film is about some Iranian women living in a small southern town who do their utmost efforts to achieve one of their prohibited rights and try to fight for it. Directed by Parinaz Hashemi Mobarakeh. 12:50pm.

LEARNING TO SKATEBOARD IN A WARZONE (*Afghanistan/US*)

Skateistan recruits kids from impoverished neighborhoods and teaches them education and life skills, so they can return to, or join, the public school system and get a fair start in life. For girls, the chance to skateboard presents a unique experience—to compete, to play, to learn their strengths and to gain courage. The film follows a class of girls as they grow through the joy of skateboarding and the warmth of the women who teach them. Directed by Carol Dysinger. 1:20pm.

For the full program, press material, photos and other details visit www.unaff.org

The award winning UNAFF (the United Nations Association Film Festival) held annually in October at Stanford, Palo Alto, East Palo Alto and San Francisco, now in its 22nd year has grown to be one of the oldest and most respected documentary film festivals in the United States. UNAFF was originally conceived to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It was founded by Stanford educator and film critic Jasmina Bojic.

In 2014 the ICFT (International Council for Film, Television and Audiovisual Communication of UNESCO) presented the UNESCO Fellini Medal to Jasmina Bojic, Founder and Executive Director of UNAFF, in recognition of her exceptional contribution in promoting the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights through the art of documentary film.