

***THE UNITED STATES OF AUTISM* PREMIERING IN NYC FOR NATIONAL THEATRICAL RUN**

World Premiere April 5th Followed by National Theatrical Release

LANCASTER, PA, March 11th, 2013 – The independent film *The United States of Autism* took 11,000 miles, 40 days and 21 families to bring the indie film to the big screen. Making it's theatrical bow in New York City, Friday, April 5, the Pepsi Refresh Project winning film begins a national tour raising money for autism around America.

The United States of Autism follows Richard Everts' 11,000 mile, 40 day journey across America to visit twenty families and individuals living with autism. Interviewees come from a broad cultural spectrum from Mormon to Muslim and Hispanic to Chinese. Each person shows how autism has shaped their world and, in many cases, made them stronger. What Everts learns along the way changes not only his life, but the lives of those he meets, forever.

The United States of Autism will donate 25% of net proceeds from each screening to a local family/organization/individual affected by autism. Over 20 cities have committed to theatrical showings for the movie. For more information on hosting or to request a screening, go to <http://www.tugg.com/titles/the-united-states-of-autism>.

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