

New Documentary Offers Hope for Those Suffering with Invisible Illness

Stories of People Living with Chronic Pain, Diabetes, Lyme Disease, and Other "Invisible" Ailments

SEATTLE, WA, UNITED STATES, November 14, 2016 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The boutique video production agency [Dare Dreamer Media](#) has begun production on their documentary “Invisible



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Tasra Dawson, Director

Illness”: stories of people who suffer from ailments in which its symptoms and effects are not outwardly visible, yet they still have a profound impact on the lives of those who live with it. A new set of trailers has just been released highlighting two of the stories.

In October 2011, Tasra Dawson, the film’s Director, a former Designer and Trainer at Apple Inc, was hit by a car while

walking in a crosswalk. The impact threw her six feet in the air and led to a cascade of chronic and life-threatening health challenges. “For over a year, I was sent from one doctor to the next, telling them about my inability to walk and the constant pain that kept me bedridden. I was told everything from ‘it’s a female problem’ to ‘it’s all in my head’; and I was given a ridiculous amount of drugs to shut me up.” Tasra reports. “I also had to fight for months to get a second opinion on MRI results. Once I finally did, they found a life-threatening aortic dissection. I’m lucky to be alive.”

The hits kept coming. As a result of steroid patches administered without her knowledge, Tasra developed diabetes as well as SIBO (small intestine bacterial overgrowth, a hard-to-treat condition with IBS-like symptoms), and the accident triggered PTSD. Yet, despite all these ailments, when she is able to leave the home, no one would know she was living with debilitating chronic illnesses.

“People who live with invisible illnesses feel isolated and alone,” Tasra’s husband and the film’s director of photography, Ron commented. “Naturally their loved ones know and help care for them; but when dealing with the general population, there’s a disconnect. As one interviewee in the film shares, it becomes exhausting having to always explain your situation. Sometimes you wish you had visible signs just so people could see and know.”

“This was a film that I desperately needed during the first few years after my accident,” Tasra continues. “To know that I was not alone, that it was okay and even necessary to challenge my doctors and fight for better answers, as well as exploring alternative forms of medicine and healing. We plan to address all of this in the film.”

Principal photography is still underway, but the filmmakers have put out an official trailer and accompanying video story vignette. Ron added, “We have a lot of footage that won’t make the final film, but we’ll use it to provide additional stories and resources online.”

You can learn more about the film, watch the trailers, and get involved at [InvisibleIllnessFilm.com](#).

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