



LOCALLY-FILMED DOCUMENTARY 'TEACHER OF PATIENCE' TO PREMIERE AT FREE COMMUNITY SCREENING IN VALPARAISO NOVEMBER 16th

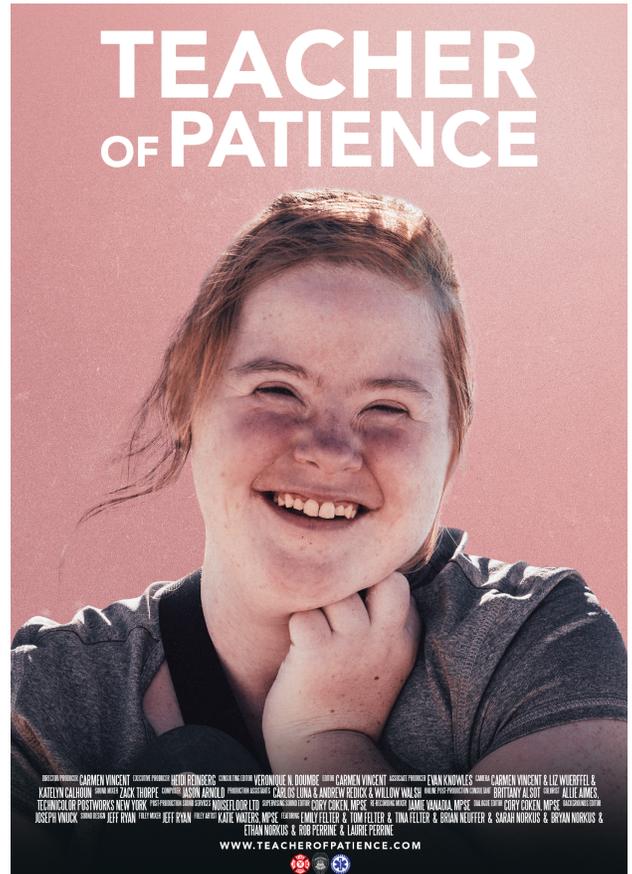
Teacher of Patience, 30 minutes:
Over 20 years after Emily Felter is diagnosed with Down syndrome, paramedic (and Emily's father) Tom develops a presentation to share her story with other first responders. As the Felters work to raise disability awareness, they come face-to-face with the struggles and joys of their daily lives.

VALPARAISO, IN (October 28, 2022) - Documentary [Teacher of Patience](#) is having its local premiere at filmmaker Carmen Vincent's alma mater, Valparaiso University, on November 16th at 7:00 pm. Teacher of Patience follows a Northwest Indiana family's efforts to raise disability awareness among first responders and the general public, teaching others how to interact with individuals with Down Syndrome and other disabilities through a presentation called [The Emily Talk](#).

The film accompanies father and paramedic Tom, wife and labor and delivery nurse Tina, and daughter who happens to have down syndrome Emily Felter as they use learned life lessons as a tool for teaching others about living with disabilities. As a short documentary, its goal is to facilitate a further understanding of how to best live and interact alongside those who communicate in all types of ways while highlighting the story of a family who seeks to do that in their own community.

"I was inspired to tell this story because we don't often see on screen what it looks like to be a small-town advocate," said director [Carmen Vincent](#). "Disability education for our first responders is vital, but lacking, and the Felter's are doing all they can to fulfill that need. I love that the Felter's are human, and they don't try to hide it – they use it to teach others. I hope everyone in our community comes together to support this important story."

Teacher of Patience debuted internationally at the 2022 Academy Award-Qualifying [Indy Shorts International Film Festival](#) and has been screened at dozens of other national and international film festivals. Additionally, its impact campaign is focused on incorporating the film directly into first responder training programs. Learn more at teacherofpatience.com.



The premiere is at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, November 16th in the 2nd floor ballrooms in Valparaiso University's Harre Union. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Both Valpo students and the wider community are all invited to attend for free. No tickets are needed, although donations will be accepted to help fund the film's impact campaign. A moderated Q&A with the filmmaker and film stars will follow the screening. Learn more at teacherofpatience.com/events.

About [Carmen Vincent](#)

Through video production, editing, and documentary filmmaking, Carmen Vincent amplifies the human experience by drawing out people's authentic, diverse stories. While Hoosier through-and-through, Carmen has worked with clients and told stories from across the country and in the United Kingdom and Palestine.

She uses her experience with non-visible disabilities, including OCD and ADHD, to pursue her work with creativity, empathy, and curiosity.

Carmen is a Nikon Storytellers Scholar, a selected participant of RespectAbility's Lab for Entertainment Professionals with Disabilities, and a proud member of Duneland Chamber. She graduated from Valparaiso University in 2020 with a degree in Digital Media. Learn more at www.carmenvincent.com.



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Website:

<https://www.teacherofpatience.com/>

Press Kit (stills, headshots, bios, more information, etc.):

<https://www.teacherofpatience.com/press-kit.html>

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