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SLATERSVILLE, RI – **“Raising Matty Christian,”** the feature documentary directed by North Smithfield native Christian de Rezendes, will have a special screening at Heritage Hall, 101 Greene Street in Slatersville, on the evening of Saturday, April 9.

This inspirational documentary profiles the life of Matthew G. Christian (1983-2009), known as 'Matty' from the town of Canton, MA who was born without a full set of arms and legs and without a tongue. As told through interviews with his parents Allie and Jerry, brother Michael and several close friends and authority figures throughout his life, 'Raising Matty Christian' paints a portrait of an inspiring young man who never took no for an answer and set out to live life to the fullest.

The film runs 84 minutes. The filmmaker and a member or two of the cast will be present for a special Q&A immediately following the screening.

Since its premiere in 2014, **“Raising Matty Christian”** has received 9 film festival awards domestically, including the Audience Award for Best of the Fest at the Woods Hole Film Festival and the Human Spirit Award at the Chagrin Documentary Film Festival in Ohio. Other notable screenings including the Arizona International Film Festival, where it's World Premiere took place, and the Doc Corner at the 2015 Cannes Film Festival's Marche du Film. The film played at well over two dozen festivals and special screenings.

Prior to the screening, the most recent 7-minute video update for De Rezendes's current work-in-progress, **“Slatersville: America's First Mill Village,”** will also be shown. Both films are produced by Breaking Branches Pictures, Inc., the North Smithfield-based company that creates film production for commercial, documentary and narrative works.

Tickets are \$10. For more information on this screening, you can contact Christian at 401.651.1839 or breakingbranches@gmail.com. DVDs will also be available for sale at the event. For more on the film you can also visit www.raisingmattychristian.com and www.facebook.com/mattychristianfilm.

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