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"Transforming Loss" May 30 at the Michigan Theater

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"Transforming Loss" provides an authentic view of the human loss, suffering, hope and transformation of six families. It then takes the viewer through the incredible process of loss, healing and embracing life once again. Produced and directed by Judith Burdick, the film drew from her own personal loss and tragedy, when in 1991, at only 31 years of age, Burdick with two small children, lost her husband, Mark Rubens, who was killed in a scuba diving accident.

FYI: 7 p.m. Thursday, May 30. Tickets \$10 adults, \$8 students/seniors, \$7.50 for members; advance tickets available through www.ticketweb.com.

"I'm proud and humbled by the response," said Judith R. Burdick, M.A., L.L.P, and the films producer and director of Bloomfield Hills. "The families profiled in the film are incredibly strong, genuine and their experiences will educate viewers on many levels."

"It's a very honest film which creates life around the loss and will teach viewers to embrace the loss instead of just accepting it," said Pat Lynch, Past President of the National Funeral Home Directors Association and President of Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors after seeing an advance screening.

Rabbi E.B. (Bunny) Freedman, Director of the Jewish Hospice & Chaplaincy Network called it crazy powerful with a tremendous need for a documentary like this.

This acclaimed film shares the stories of seven survivors of profound loss. Viewers will meet Molly Green of South Lyon, a 41 year-old mother of four who lost her husband, Michael in August 2010, to suicide. Ricki, Friedman, of Birmingham will tell the wrenching tale of losing her mother at 13 years old. Gary Weinstein, of Farmington Hills, who lost his wife and two sons in 2005 when a drunk driver struck them, will share his story. Viewers will meet Virginia Beckley of Bloomfield, who lost her five-year-old son Myles in a horseback riding accident. Elizabeth Guz of Franklin, whose 17 year-old son, Michael struggled with bipolar disorder and died in 2009, will be featured. Rachel and Michael Kain, of Livonia will inspire with their story of losing their four month-old baby boy Collin to multiple heart defects.

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