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United Way Simcoe Muskoka launches the Real2Reel Documentary Film Festival

Collingwood, ON, March 10, 2023 – United Way Simcoe Muskoka is proud to announce the launch of the Real2Reel Documentary Film Festival. The first screening of the festival will take place at the Simcoe Street Theatre in Collingwood featuring *Connecting the Dots: A Global Conversation About Youth Mental Health*. The screening will be followed by a panel discussion to create a dialogue and shine a light on the youth mental health crisis. The panel will include the Canadian filmmaker Noemí Weis and local mental health advocates.

“The purpose of this screening is to amplify the conversation about the youth mental health crisis taking place right here in our own communities.” says Brian Shelley, Chief Executive and Philanthropy Officer, United Way Simcoe Muskoka.

Film synopsis: *Connecting the Dots* is the first feature documentary of its kind to offer a raw and intimate look at youth mental health from a global perspective. With heart-felt poignant stories of lived experience, the film exclusively showcases young voices breaking barriers surrounding youth mental health. Through highly cinematic and character driven storytelling, *Connecting the Dots* is emotional, reflective, and hopeful. Our future leaders are speaking up. It’s time to listen.

When: March 28, 2023 – 6:30pm – 9:30pm

Where: Simcoe Street Theatre, 65 Simcoe Street, Studio 7, Collingwood, ON, L9Y 1H7.

Who: This event is open to the public. Tickets are \$5.

Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/connecting-the-dots-documentary-screening-and-youth-mental-health-talk-tickets-549561211377>

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About United Way Simcoe Muskoka

Poverty touches most aspects of a person’s life from food, shelter, and employment, to mental and physical well-being. United Way Simcoe Muskoka seeks to improve lives and build communities by leveraging collective resources and mobilizing collective action to achieve the greatest impact. Through services such as the Urgent Needs Fund and by funding critical services throughout our communities, United Way Simcoe Muskoka is ensuring that residents have the resources and assistance they need to unlock their full potential.

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Images

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1a7NOoTv22fAFBkGZolIQ9xu-n3F8hPs3?usp=sharing>

- Promotional image
 - 2 x film quote images
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