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**“LOST IN WOONSOCKET” FINDS HOME ON THE ROAD,  
BEGINS NATIONWIDE SCREEN TOUR SEPTEMBER 1, 2010  
DURING RECOVERY MONTH**

Los Angeles, CA – California based nonprofit Lost and Found in America (LAFIA) will commence a three-month, nationwide tour to screen *Lost in Woonsocket* on September 1, 2010. The critically acclaimed film premiered at SXSW Film Festival selling out every showing and concluding each with a standing ovation. Since then, the film has become an inspiring tool in the addictions and recovery community. After a sold out screening in Rhode Island with over 1,500 people in attendance, Congressman Patrick J. Kennedy called the film, “a great testament to recovery and the redeeming qualities of humanity.” The film’s tour kicks off during Recovery Month in September and will stop in over 30 locations across the US in an effort to garner social awareness of addiction and hope for those seeking recovery.

*Lost in Woonsocket* introduces viewers to Normand Cartier. Living in a tent in the woods, suffering from addiction and estranged from his family for over 13 years, Cartier had all but given up hope of recovery. The film crew from the award winning A&E television series *Random 1* found Cartier and offered him the chance for treatment, rehabilitation and a fresh start with his family. Originally slated to air on the television show, the resulting footage and concept proved much larger than any show could grasp. *Lost in Woonsocket* was born.

The film provides a rare glimpse into the internal and external struggles that often serve as obstacles on the road to recovery. Fear and faith, hope and despair, *Lost in Woonsocket* highlights the emotional contradictions that accompany attempts at personal reformation. But with the help of a philanthropic film crew and a number of unexplained incidents, Normand Cartier proves that, even in the face of adversity, the human spirit can triumph.

In 2008, *Woonsocket*’s creators launched Lost and Found in America (LAFIA) to handle the flood of requests for screenings. As a result of the demand, LAFIA organized a tour to screen the film. “We captured a story that inspires hope,” says Director John Chester. “Hope for the addict and for their family and friends who quietly suffer alongside them.”

On September 1, 2010, LAFIA will embark on a journey to inspire a nation. The scheduled tour will cover more than twenty states in three months, screening *Lost in Woonsocket* free of charge for schools, churches and recovery centers. Normand Cartier will be present at all screenings.

The *Lost in Woonsocket* tour is made possible with the help of partners Halogen TV and United Methodist Special Program on Substance Abuse and Related Violence (SPSARV) Find out more about SPSARV at [www.umspsarv.org](http://www.umspsarv.org). Halogen TV will broadcast the documentary in January, 2011. Find out more about Halogen at [www.halogentv.com](http://www.halogentv.com).

**Event information:** The LAFIA tour runs from September through November, 2010. For a complete listing of screening locations and dates or to donate to the project, please visit [lafia.org](http://lafia.org). or [facebook.com/lostinwoonsocket](https://facebook.com/lostinwoonsocket)

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Lost and Found in America is a nonprofit organization which promotes stories with a positive humanitarian message as powerful tools to inspire individuals to create a better life for themselves and a better world for all of us.