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### ***'Hope For Steve'* WINS ACCOLADE GLOBAL FILM COMPETITION Chosen Award of Excellence Documentary Feature**

**Atlanta, Georgia – March 27, 2015** – Today, H4S Films, announced that its documentary *'Hope For Steve'* has won the Accolade Global Film Competition Award of Excellence for a Documentary Feature. H4S Films is an Atlanta-based company.

"What a blessing to have our story, through this documentary, be received with such honor", commented Hope Dezember and wife of Steve Dezember. The film chronicles Hope and Steve Dezember's journey together following Steve's diagnosis with ALS at 28-years old.

Through a TOBII computer, Steve's eye tracking communication tool, he added, "This Accolade Global Film Award affirms that all of our energy and efforts to raise awareness and funding for ALS research is reaching people around the world in ways we could never have done on our own!"

"It's such an honor for our documentary to be recognized within our industry by this outstanding organization," stated co-director Matthew Moore. "People who have never heard of *Hope For Steve* or our crew are starting to pay attention to this film, and that's a big deal to all involved!" Matt added, "It's what we hoped from the beginning - that people would be moved by this story and that it would be told around the world."

The documentary chronicles a two year journey of Hope and Steve Dezember from their carefree romance to Steve's diagnosis at 28-years old with ALS, a terminal and progressive neurodegenerative disease. Two days after being diagnosed, Steve proposed to his girlfriend. "This is going to be really hard, and if you leave, I understand. But if you stay...will you marry me?" She said YES! Steve was diagnosed with ALS in August 2011 and they were married two months later.

Sarah Spicer, co-director and producer stated, "We are thrilled! I am so proud of this film and this team! We have worked so hard and this award honors and recognizes the time and sacrifices everyone has made." Spicer added, "This is a big deal to us and we are incredibly grateful for all who have contributed to make this possible!"

The independent film financing initially came through Kickstarter and continued through the generosity of amazing donors and friends of the directors and producer and Hope and Steve Dezember.

Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), also known as "Lou Gehrig's Disease," affects the nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord. ALS is terminal; it has no cure. ALS progressively robs those affected by

causing muscle weakness, paralysis and, ultimately, respiratory failure. The average lifespan after diagnosis is two to five years.

For more information about the documentary, go to [www.hopeforstevefilm.com](http://www.hopeforstevefilm.com).

To view the trailer, go to: <http://youtu.be/tQvMNPIbFvY>

TO HELP FIND A CURE: [www.ALS.net](http://www.ALS.net)

The film will be featured at the Arizona International Film Festival in Tucson, AZ April 9-26, 2015. For more information go to: <http://filmfestivalarizona.com>

The 2015 New Hope Film Festival selected and will feature 'Hope For Steve' in New Hope, PA from July 24, 2015 – August 2, 2015. For more information: <http://www.newhopefilmfestival.com>

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