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## The Links, Inc. Minneapolis/St Paul Chapter Announces its PANDEMIC FILM FESTIVAL

The Minneapolis/St Paul Chapter of The Links, Incorporated is hosting a virtual Pandemic Film Festival for teenage filmmakers to explore the effects of COVID-19 and social justice issues such as police brutality and homelessness on them and their families.

Students in grades 6-12 are invited to use their cameras or smartphones to create a three-to-five minute film on how they and their families are surviving COVID-19 or other social justice pandemics.

Prizes will be awarded to winning films in the 6-8 and 9-12 grade categories, and both the winning films and their creators will be featured in a virtual Pandemic Film Festival on February 28, 2021.

The deadline for submission is January 19, 2021. Participants should submit their film, title, email address, and telephone number to the <u>mplsstpaulthelinksinc@gmail.com</u> no later than January 19.

## About The Links, Inc.

The Links, Incorporated, founded in 1946, is a women's volunteer service organization committed to enriching, sustaining and ensuring the cultural and economic survival of African-Americans and other persons of African-American ancestry. A premier international service organization with more than 15,000 members in 283 chapters located in 41 states, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, continues its legacy of friends providing service that changes lives, established by the original circle of nine friends in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. With over 2 million service hours recorded in the past three years, members regularly contribute more than 1,000,000 documented service hours in their respective communities annually. The Links Foundation, Incorporated, the philanthropic arm of The Links, Incorporated, has made more than \$24 million dollars in charitable contributions since its founding. Working closely with its sponsors and supporters, The Links, Incorporated are 'Linked in Friendship – Connected in Service'. For more information, visit www.linksinc.org.