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CannMed 2017 Conference will Host Red-Carpet Event and Screening of Film in Honor of Local Teen with Rare Cancer

Local Teenage Patient Fulfilled Dream of Becoming a Filmmaker with Help from Hollywood A-List Actors and Directors and the Make A Film Foundation

WOBURN, MA – March 28, 2017 – [Medicinal Genomics](#) (MGC) and [Courtagen Life Sciences](#) today are proud to announce that the companies will host a red-carpet event at the CannMed 2017 Personalized Cannabinoid Medicine Conference, followed by a screening of “The Black Ghiandola”, a film co-written by Walpole, MA teen Anthony Conti. In January, Conti lost his battle with a rare form of adrenal gland cancer, which he partially treated with medical cannabis. The event will take place at 6:00 pm on April 10th at The Joseph B. Martin Conference Center at Harvard Medical School.

“The Black Ghiandola” is a zombie-horror adventure with Anthony playing the leading role. The film was made possible thanks to the [Make A Film Foundation](#) — a nonprofit organization that grants film wishes to children with serious or life-threatening medical conditions by teaming them with noted actors, writers, directors, and producers who help them to create short film legacies.

The film is the foundation’s fourth and includes many Hollywood stars who volunteered, including actors Johnny Depp, J.K. Simmons, David Lynch, Laura Dern, Penelope Ann Miller, and Richard Chamberlain, and directors Ted Melfi (“Hidden Figures”), Sam Raimi (“Spider-Man” trilogy), and Catherine Hardwicke (“Twilight”). Anthony’s writing partners/mentors included Scott Kosar (“Texas Chainsaw Massacre”) and Wash Westmoreland (“Still Alice”).

The red-carpet event and screening will provide an opportunity for Anthony’s friends and family in the Boston area to view his creation on the big screen and celebrate his life, along with members of the film’s cast and crew. Actor Keith Allan (“Z Nation”) will make an appearance; and Make A Film Foundation founder Tamika Lamison will introduce the film and host a Q&A session following the screening.

Tickets to the event are free for CannMed Conference attendees. The general public is welcome and can purchase tickets for a donation of \$20 or more (adult), or \$10 or more (youth/student) through the [Make A Film Foundation Ticket Site](#).

Make a Film Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization that is run entirely by volunteers and financed by donations and in-kind services. Donations to help cover the finishing costs for the film can be made directly to the Make A Film Foundation or via their [GoFundMe campaign](#).

For additional details or to register for CannMed 2017, visit <http://www.cannmedevents.com/>. Follow on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) with hashtags #CannMed #CannMed2017.

Editors: Passes are available for accredited media upon request.

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