



A FAMILY AFFAIR

WRITTEN/DIRECTED/PRODUCED BY NURSE SHIRELLE DIAMOND HOGANS

PREVENTION MOVIE REVIEWS



“A Family Affair is a must see for School: Guidance Counselors, Administrators, Therapists, Community Centers, Boys and Girls Club Staff, etc. The subject matter is ideal for Clinical and Academic settings as way to examine a holistic and comprehensive approach to providing services.”

Wade G. Jones, LPCMH, LCDP, CAADC, CCS
Alternative Solutions Consulting Group, LLC



“A Family Affair is a powerful, though-provoking film that calls us to listen and love.”

“Shirelle Diamonds Hogans’s film A Family Affair is an emotional, powerful experience!”

Sue Ryan

Executive Director

Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence



“I’m so happy that your film premiered last week. It shined light upon family and community issues that deserve attention. The dramatic arts are an un-intrusive way to open a difficult conversation. It was a brilliant idea to have service providers on site.

Kudos,”

Deianna Tyree

Executive Director

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“Riveting! A very accurate and real depiction of the struggles of our youth and families. Shirelle has her finger on the pulse of our ailing family structure and its impact on our young people. There is an expression "No matter where you go, There you are". Our at home, private lives with its inward effect translate to our external behavior. As a First Lady and Minister of the Gospel, I believe that every church leader should see the movie with their congregation. This movie will stir your thoughts and prayerfully move you into conversation, organization and action. This movie is a must see!”

1st Lady Patricia Gibson
Christian Love Worship Cathedral



“IMatter Inc., under the leadership of Shirelle Hogan’s, has created a powerful and thought provoking film called A Family Affair. This film introduces you to a day in the life of four families and what is revealed is impactful. It is a film that calls for the need for dialogue within families and calls communities to want to respond. The messages woven into the stories stay with you!”

Mariann Kenville-Moore, LCSW, DVS,
Director of Advocacy & Policy DCADV



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“A Family Affair is a powerful and thought-provoking film created for such a time as this. The relatable characters and intense stories that unfold on the big screen provide necessary glimpses into traumatic real life experiences that adversely impact our children, families and communities. This movie is a call to action for the game changers in our community to engage, educate and collaborate. Engage to connect and instill hope to heal. Educate to expand our collective perspectives beyond the obvious contributing factors. Collaborate with thriving community organizations to ensure access to supports and resources.



A Family Affair will shine light into dark places. It is a must-see that will inspire conversation, initiate shifts and ultimately offer generational transformation.

I look forward to hearing from you soon and encourage your input and suggestions for improvement.”

Thanks for all you do!”

Kimberly M. Nelson, M. Ed.
Lead Parent Educator
Christina School District
Parents as Teachers



“Just a note to congratulate you on the movie. It was tremendous, so well done, and right on point as to the problems facing many families.”

Dr. Lulu Mae Nix
Founder of DAPI
Delaware Adolescent Program Inc



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“A Family Affair” is a brilliant film that exemplifies Audrey Lorde's quote, “There is no such thing as a single-issue struggle because we do not live single-issue lives.” In a gripping yet seamless style, this short film lifts up love, family, friendship, suffering, fear, injustice, hope, hopelessness, and many realms of the human experience simultaneously, just like they happen in people's lives. This film should serve as a reminder or wake-up call to policy makers, funders, non-profits, faith communities and other helpers that we can no longer afford to silo issues. To help people, families and communities heal, thrive and be safe and healthy, we must be able to navigate these complexities collectively in our programs, services and approach.”

Noël Sincere Duckworth,

DVS, Healthy Neighborhoods Statewide Program
Manager, Delaware Center for Health Innovation



“First, thank you for giving the Beautiful Gate Outreach Center the opportunity to be an exhibitor at the premier of your movie. We appreciate it! The number and quality of the contacts made that evening were exceptional. There were people who “quietly” asked how they could get services for family members who are HIV positive and not in medical care. There was also someone who said that they did not want to ask the question during your Q&A time but wanted information on getting help for a daughter who has attempted suicide on a number of occasions.



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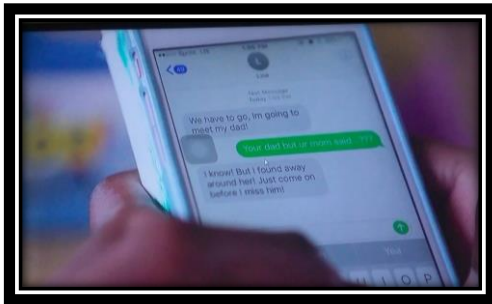


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I want you to know that I feel that you presented a thought provoking, conversation starting, ...this is going to save a life and prevent additional "suffering in silence" situations. Your movie provides encouragement to people to look for signs OR I should say, acknowledge and ACT on the signs that they see when a friend, family member, co-worker or child needs professional assistance. They may also acknowledge their own situation and reach out for help to save their own life or get out of a volatile situation.



It is my hope and prayer that houses of faith, community groups and other organizations do what is needed to get your movie seen by as many people as possible.

Thank you for what you have put together. It is going to make a difference!

Sincerely,"

Suzanne S. Tait, Program Director
Beautiful Gate Outreach Center (BGOC)
Bethel AME Church



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