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**SAMA-LIGONIER VALLEY TO HOST VIEWING OF *A WISH FOR GIANTS*; FILM TO BE INTRODUCED BY PARANORMAL INVESTIGATOR STAN GORDON**

Ligonier – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley will host a showing of the film, *A Wish for Giants*, on Friday, October 19. The film offers an endearing tale about a young girl with an inoperable brain tumor whose wish is to find Bigfoot. The film, which has played to rave reviews throughout Western Pennsylvania and has a 7.8/10 rating on [imdb.com](http://imdb.com), will be introduced by paranormal researcher Stan Gordon, who has a cameo in the film. Gordon also will provide an update on recent Bigfoot sightings around Ligonier.

The film's story revolves around Sophie, a volunteer with the fictional Wish Kingdom Foundation, who meets a kindred spirit in Roxie, a young girl with a life-threatening medical condition and the impossible wish to meet Bigfoot. As time grows short and pressures mount, Sophie is determined to see Roxie's wish granted. Unknown to everyone is the possibility that there may be magic in the wish of a dying girl, and a truth beyond belief.

*A Wish for Giants* was originally a novel by writer Aaron Dunbar of Kittanning. Written in 2015, the book was penned as a fundraiser to help the Make-a-Wish Foundation. Reviews of the book were so positive that it led Dunbar to write a screenplay version of the story and make it into a film. As was the case with his novel, proceeds from the film version of *A Wish for Giants* also benefit Make-a-Wish.

*A Wish for Giants* was directed by Don Swanson, an internationally screened and reviewed award-winning filmmaker. The film was made on a micro-budget of \$25,000 and was filmed exclusively in Armstrong and Indiana counties. The actors were all volunteers who supported the film's mission to benefit the Make-a-Wish Foundation, with experience ranging from first-time extras to seasoned veterans with dozens of film credits.

SAMA-Ligonier Valley's showing of *A Wish for Giants* will be at 7 p.m. on October 19. Cost is \$10 per person, with half the proceeds benefitting Make-a-Wish. Seating is limited, and reservations are required by October 18. For more information, please contact the Museum at (724) 238-6015 or [ligonier@sama-art.org](mailto:ligonier@sama-art.org).

The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley is located at One Boucher Lane and Route 711 South in Ligonier. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. weekends. The Museum is a handicapped-accessible facility and is open to the public free of charge. For more information, contact the Museum or visit [www.sama-art.org](http://www.sama-art.org).