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"Disposable Humanity" remembers the Holocaust and T4 program

Washington, D.C. - On this day, April 24, we mark International Holocaust Remembrance Day. This day commemorates the resistance in the Warsaw Ghetto Uprisings. Millions of Jews, Roma/Sinti, disabled, Communists, and members of the LGBTQ community lost their lives at the hands of the Nazis. We also honor the survivors and their families.

Many lives remain lost to the historical record. As part of an effort to contribute to this ongoing global commemoration project, David Mitchell (Professor of Disability Studies, George Washington University) and Cameron Mitchell (Owner, CSM Productions) are making a documentary film about Aktion T4 entitled "Disposable Humanity". T4 was a secret program ordered on Hitler's private stationary that resulted in the mass murder of 300,000 disabled people. Those killed belonged to all of the groups identified above as the program transitioned to the 14f13 program to select disabled Jewish people deported to concentration camps, and the decentralized euthanasia phase that ran beyond the end of the war.

The campaign for Disposable Humanity launched on April 13th, 2017 and has already generated thousands in site visits and donations. The documentary is over 20 years in the making and is based on the original research of David Mitchell and Sharon Snyder into the T4 Program as well as footage shot by the professors themselves and their son and cinematographer for the project, Cameron Snyder-Mitchell.

Disposable Humanity stands in solidarity with the families of the lives lost before, during, and after the Holocaust as a result of the proliferation of Nazi ideologies. Many of the ideologies put in place by the Nazis were pre-existing theories and beliefs proposed by physicians in Germany, America, and around the world. We believe that there are stories yet untold that deserve to be seen and heard, as well as lessons that can still be learned from this atrocious event.

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The filmmakers behind Disposable Humanity use reflexive family documentation in order to create stories that bring history to life. They plan to visit all six T4 euthanasia centers in Germany this summer. For more information, please visit https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/disposable-humanity#/ or contact Cameron Snyder-Mitchell at (917) 622-4911.