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2018 Film Series Screening of *The Forgotten Plague: Tuberculosis in America* The Impact and Resurgence of Tuberculosis

BREATHE LA is excited to announce the first of four films in its 2018 BREATHE LA Film Series will be *The Forgotten Plague: Tuberculosis in America*, a documentary that delves into the history of tuberculosis in America and the lasting impact the disease continues to have on the country.

Isn't tuberculosis a disease of the past? Although tuberculosis is indeed an ancient disease, it still remains present and widespread in our communities today. In 2016, there were over 1.7 million deaths worldwide due to TB making it one of the top 10 causes of death worldwide. Last year, 2,056 Californians were diagnosed with TB and an estimated \$78 million was spent on medical management of the disease.

WHAT: THE BREATHE LA 2018 FILM SERIES presents *The Forgotten Plague: Tuberculosis in America*. The event begins with a cocktail reception followed by the film screening and then an engaging panel discussion with the film director and other experts.

WHERE: 5757 Wilshire Boulevard, Penthouse #1, Los Angeles, CA 90036

WHEN: Wednesday, June 27, 2018 from 6pm – 9pm

WHO: The panel discussion will feature:

- Chana Gazit, Director *The Forgotten Plague: Tuberculosis in America*
- Julie Higashi, M.D., Ph.D. Director of the LA County Department of Public Health TB Control Program, and
- Yossef Aelony, M.D., TB Clinician with Los Angeles County and the City of Long Beach, and Emeritus Professor at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center.

The evening will conclude with a special recognition of Dr. Robert Kim-Farley, Emeritus Professor, UCLA Fielding School of Public Health, who was recently honored by the National TB Controllers Association with the Advocacy Award for his efforts in building awareness on TB.

WHY: The BREATHE LA Film Series is an opportunity to bring awareness on the issues of clean air and lung health. This event will highlight the history and current status of tuberculosis in California.

The event is complimentary to all guests but an RSVP is required. Theater seating is limited and subject to availability.

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To RSVP for the event, please contact Andrea Oriza, Development Associate at (323) 935-8050 Ext. 247 or ariza@breathela.org. To inquire about exhibiting, please contact Christina Correia, Director of Events and Sponsorships at CCorreia@breathela.org or (323) 935-8050 Ext. 231.

About BREATHE California of Los Angeles County

Founded in 1903, Breathe California of Los Angeles County (BREATHE LA) is a 501(c)(3) local public benefit nonprofit organization committed to clean air and healthy lungs for all Southern Californians. For over 100 years, BREATHE LA's programs and services have addressed Los Angeles County's serious air quality and lung-related public health challenges to protect the breath of life for local residents. For more information on BREATHE LA, visit www.breathela.org.

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