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Rialto Cinemas & Ravenshoe Media Ltd. Present *The Fire Cats*

A Benefit Screening of *The Fire Cats* Documentary to Highlight Heroes from 2017 Tubbs Fire and 2018 Camp Fire

Lincoln, CA – On **August 14**, **Rialto Cinemas Sebastopol** will host two screenings of ***The Fire Cats – Save Something Small***, a feature documentary by Writer/Producer/Director **Katharine Parsons** of Ravenshoe Media, Ltd. to benefit **FieldHaven Feline Center and Forgotten Felines of Sonoma County**.

Winner of ***Cannes World Film Festival*** for “**MOST INSPIRATIONAL FILM**”, ***The Fire Cats*** allows the audience to experience an in-depth look at the heroic efforts of rescue organizations, including **FieldHaven** during the 2018 Camp Fire.

“What started out as a sheltering, rescue and recovery mission for the cats quickly moved into a humanitarian mission for the people as well,” said Joy Smith, FieldHaven executive director.

She and a team of FieldHaven’s staff and volunteers 220 days spent finding, saving, and caring for the cats displaced by the disaster – and often their people. “It was FieldHaven’s honor to help people who had lost everything in an instant to navigate the challenge of searching for their lost cats, reuniting them and grieving for those who weren’t found,” Smith said.

Their work is highlighted in ***The Fire Cats***, which has already premiered at a number of film festivals winning numerous awards. The film features Smith’s early deployment at the Camp Fire, her long presence on site, and her work diagnosing and treating PTSD in cats and reuniting cats with their families. Tickets may be purchased online in advance, which is recommended due to a limited number of seats. Following the film will be a panel discussion which will include Smith.

Director Katharine Parsons spent four years making the documentary. “I thought I understood cats before I started the documentary,” Parsons said, “But what I learned about their ability to survive these horrible fires just blew me away. And I learned what

happens when ordinary people run towards a disaster instead of away from it. It was a transformative experience for the rescuers, the fire families, the cats, and even for me.”

The Fire Cats includes first responder footage as well as film donated by the rescuers. It is currently on the festival circuit worldwide.

- **What:** Screening to benefit FieldHaven Feline Center of Placer County and Forgotten Felines of Sonoma County
- **When:** Sunday, August 14, 2022 @ 1:00 P.M. & 7:00 P.M.
- **Where:** Rialto Cinemas Sebastopol, 6868 McKinley Street Sebastopol CA 95472
- **Tickets:** Online, <https://tinyurl.com/5n7fanzc>

For more information about FieldHaven, visit <https://fieldhaven.com/> or call (916) 434-6022.

Founded in 2003, FieldHaven Feline Center is a progressive nonprofit animal welfare organization who offers innovative solutions for cats and people in need while enhancing their lives. They operate a free-roaming cat adoption facility, thrift store marketplace and spay/neuter clinic. For more, visit FieldHaven.com.