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## **Lara Parker: A Self-Determined Life Airs on PBS Visions**

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Chapel Hill, N.C. – *Dilorenzo Studios* has video production accepted by PBS Visions in North Carolina.

PBS Visions Program selects *Dilorenzo Studios* production of *Lara Parker: A Self Determined Life* for air. *Dilorenzo Studios* brings your story to life. “If we knew each other’s stories we would all be kinder, more compassionate people,” Producer/Director, Linda Dilorenzo says. “The details take different forms for each of us but the basic struggle is always existence itself. Even though we hesitate to identify with Lara’s life, her story carries meaning for us all.” This is part of the inspiration for Community Documentaries produced by *Dilorenzo Studios*. Each of us has a story that only we can tell.

Lara Parker was in her 28<sup>th</sup> year of life and in declining health. She wanted her message to go on and be of service to the self-advocacy movement she helped begin. This video allowed her to do just that and serves as a legacy to a life well lived.

### **About Lara Parker**

Diagnosed with cerebral palsy at 9 months of age Lara was unable to walk, speak, or use her hands in any purposeful way. Still she fashioned a life that included cheerleading, the prom, moving into her own apartment and graduating from the University of North Carolina with a degree in Psychology. She also served on the North Carolina Council for Developmental Disabilities. Not the life we, as a society imagined for her, but the life she envisioned for herself.

Holly Riddle, Executive Director of NC Developmental Disabilities Council says, “Lara Parker is a pioneer!” Jacob A. Lohr, M.D. says “This video enabled Lara to disseminate her message in a way that was maximally effective. Watching it, you can’t help but be drawn into the struggle that Lara went through to achieve her independence. What an impact this will have on the community.”

### **About Dilorenzo Studios**

Award winning, *Dilorenzo Studios*, specializes in producing a broad range of media from pod cast to broadcast, commissioned by businesses, non-profits, and community organizations.

The facts are not the story. We craft media packages that are. We are all eager for authentic connections, especially in the business world where so much trust has been lost. The work of *Dilorenzo Studios* is designed to restore this connection to our families, our communities and our businesses.

**Contact us at 919-280-9446** if you'd like to talk about how we can create dynamic, specialized media for you to enhance your online and offline presence.

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