

## More Than Our Skin, Organization

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### **More Than Our Skin receives contribution of \$10,000 from the Incyte Corporation**

**Leominster, MA– February 2, 2022** – Hull Bay Productions has received a charitable contribution of \$10,000 from the Incyte Corporation for the documentary film, ***More Than Our Skin***.

This is the first corporate grant for the film project, which began production in February of 2021.

***More Than Our Skin*** is a film centered around the lives of 5 women living with Vitiligo - a skin condition in which the skin loses its pigment cells resulting in discolored patches throughout the body. People with the condition not only experience high levels of depression, but also suffer from social stigmatization and isolation. The result, oftentimes, manifests as shame, avoidance of intimacy, and in far too many cases – suicidal ideation.

***More Than Our Skin*** will tell these stories of the women privately suffering in this very public silence as they try to hide in plain sight. We'll look at how society's notions of beauty and belonging have conspired to erase the more than 70 million people around the globe who suffer in silence. The irony and beauty of this film project is that *More Than Our Skin* will give face to those whose face has been the source of so much pain and discomfort.

"We are very proud of the support from the Incyte Corporation," said film producer and director Tonia Magras. "We know our work aligns with the goals of the Incyte Corporation and will work to continue to help bring to light the voices of those living with the auto-immune disease, Vitiligo."

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## **ABOUT THE DIRECTOR**

Tonia Magras, the director of *More Than Our Skin*, and head of the creative team of Hull Bay Productions is a multi-award winning, producer, director, and editor, who takes pride in being a multi-faceted, and multi-dimensional creator with projects that range from sports, arts, politics, and popular culture. In her thirty-plus year career, Tonia has been recognized with 7 Emmy Award nominations and 3 Emmy wins for various documentary and production work. Some other highlights of her work includes *In Our Own Words*, a feature on how young people handle the very stresses of growing up differently; *The New People*, a documentary on how Haitian immigrants began the migration into the working-class city of Somerville, Massachusetts; *Whitey Bulger: The Final Chapter*, a documentary chronicling how the infamous Southie gangster was eventually captured after decades on the run and brought to justice; and *A Father's Story*, the grief and newfound purpose a father found after the fatal overdose of his son.

Hull Bay Productions has partnered with several vitiligo support and advocacy groups to bring this project to fruition, and has secured a diverse cast of women, their families and friends who are telling their stories, many for the first time, as they make positive steps to bring understanding, inclusivity, and acceptance to this widely misunderstood disease.

### **About The Incyte Corporation:**

Incyte Corporation is a biopharmaceutical company focused on the discovery, development, and commercialization of proprietary therapeutics.

The Incyte Corporation exists to improve the lives of people facing life-altering and life-threatening diseases, and we actively support various local and global initiatives that are health-related or benefit the communities in which we live and work.