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New documentary features local residents with Down syndrome

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Retired Brigadier General John G. Kulhavi and former Detroit Lions players Eric Hipple and Lomas Brown took part in the final day of filming of the documentary "Chromosomally Enhanced: What's Your Superpower" along with local young adults with Down syndrome and first responders.

Photo by Kenny Ingle

Director Keith Famie of Novi and producers John and Carole Kulhavi of White Lake just wrapped up filming a documentary about the daily lives of children and young adults with Down syndrome.

The documentary <u>"Chromosomally Enhanced: What's Your Superpower"</u> will premiere during the holiday season on Detroit Public TV. The entire production was on a closed set – adhering to safe COVID-19 guidelines.

Famie, the Kulhavis and the rest of the Visionalist Entertainment Productions team filmed the closing scene on Oct. 10 at the Willow Run Airport/Yankee Air Museum. Nine individuals with Down syndrome pulled a B-17 Yankee Lady Bomber with the help of first responders and retired Detroit Lions icons Eric Hipple and Lomas Brown. There was a parade of flashing lights and a tank with an enormous Michigan Special Olympics flag waving in the wind.

"The hope for this film is to give a voice to these individuals who may not always get a fair chance in life while also encouraging empathy from a society that might not fully understand what it is like to live and thrive with Down syndrome," said Famie. He said that those featured in the documentary "have a sincere, caring, empathetic way in how they see the rest of humanity – spreading joy and smiles to all they meet – something the world could use a big dose of right now." For more information, visit www.whatisyoursuperpowerfilm.com.