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THE LITERACY PROJECT & YOU GOT TO MOVE FILMS

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**A new documentary short on the South Carolina
Citizenship Schools made from Lucy Massie
Phenix's 1985 classic YOU GOT TO MOVE about
Highlander Research and Education Center**

May 3, 2020 - In honor of the birthday of Septima Clark, The Literacy Project and You Got to Move Films announce the launch of the new website www.yougottomovesHORTS.com, showcasing four short documentaries from Lucy Massie Phenix's classic 1985 documentary YOU GOT TO MOVE. All four shorts will stream for **free** until Election Day 2020. "Since making the film in 1985,

Highlander Center has also gotten deeply involved in working with Immigrant Rights organization, and helping to affirm that Workers' Rights, African-American rights, Immigrant Rights and Environmental Justice are connected struggles in the south and across the nation," says Phenix.

These films seek to connect historic struggles to ongoing contemporary social justice movements in the USA, including:

- Voting rights in this current electoral year (with the critical issues of voter purging, gerrymandering, redistricting, and voter suppression issues related to COVID-19)
- Environmental Justice (Mountaintop Removal, strip mining, and toxic waste pollution)
- Union Organizing and Workers Rights
- The ongoing work of Highlander Research and Education Center in Tennessee (grassroots activism, popular education and leadership training)

Lucy Massie Phenix states: "We want to celebrate grassroots organizing and inspire people to get out there, get involved, and be sure to have a voice in this election."

About Lucy Massie Phenix (You Got to Move Films)

Lucy Massie Phenix has a long history of community organizing and teaching and has been making social documentary films for 50 years. Her film credits include: Producer, Director and Co-Editor, with Veronica Selver, of YOU GOT TO MOVE, a film about grassroots social change in the South; Editor of THE LIFE AND TIMES OF ROSIE THE RIVETER, the classic film on government propaganda and women working in the skilled trades during World War II; member of the Mariposa film group which made WORD IS OUT, the acclaimed documentary on the experiences of 26 gay men and lesbians; and collaborator on the Winterfilm Collective's film WINTERSOLDIER, a documentary about and

with Vietnam Veterans Against the War which received high accolades at the Cannes and Berlin Film Festivals. She has also edited REGRET TO INFORM, STRANGER WITH A CAMERA and produced and directed CANCER IN TWO VOICES and DON'T KNOW, WE'LL SEE.

About Catherine Murphy (The Literacy Project)

Catherine Murphy is Director of The Literacy Project. Her 2012 documentary MAESTRA, narrated by Alice Walker, explores the stories of the youngest women teachers on the 1961 Cuban Literacy Campaign. Four short stories based on her interviews were featured in Eduardo Galeano's book, *Espejos*. Her trilogy of films including TEACH and CRUZADA will be forthcoming in 2021.