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### RE: International Fibromyalgia Awareness Day Event in Florida - May 6, 2007

Fibromyalgia (FM) is coming to a theater near you! On **May 6, 2007**, from 1–4 p.m., P.A.N.D.O.R.A., Inc. will be hosting a free screening of the groundbreaking documentary film *“Living with Fibromyalgia,”* the first documentary to explore the most intimate feelings and life-altering experiences of people living with FM.

The event will take place at the Education Building (Dawson Theater) at Boca Raton Community Hospital, 800 Meadows Rd, Boca Raton, Florida. It will be followed by brief presentations about the newest treatments and research as well as a question and answer session with our experts, Dr. Philippe Saxe, Rheumatologist and Researcher; Dr. Kenneth Woliner, Internist; and Dr. Craig Bauer, Chiropractic Physician. Information on nutrition regimen will also be available.

Fibromyalgia is a complex chronic pain illness that is recognized by the American Medical Association, the National Institutes of Health, and the American College of Rheumatology. FM experts estimate that at least **10 million Americans** and approximately 5% of the population worldwide suffer with FM. For those with severe symptoms, FM can be extremely debilitating and interfere with even routine daily activities.

The screening is part of the “P.A.N.D.O.R.A.’s Awareness Day” events planned for the month of May and to partner with the “Focus on Fibromyalgia” campaign for National Fibromyalgia Awareness Day, launched earlier this month by the National Fibromyalgia Association (NFA). The NFA has partnered with Trillusion Media, makers of *“Living with Fibromyalgia,”* to coordinate screenings of the film across the country to commemorate National Fibromyalgia Awareness Day on May 12, 2007.

“We need to continue to create awareness in our state for fibromyalgia and the movie shows the reasons why we need to establish the Florida Neuroendocrine Immune Institute,” says Marla Silverman, president and founder of P.A.N.D.O.R.A., Inc., ( [www.pandoranet.info](http://www.pandoranet.info) ), a nonprofit 501 c 3 organization for individuals with fibromyalgia and other neuroendocrine immune disorders, and it is sponsoring the movie presentation. We are **One Strong Voice for Many**®. “Through this event and others, our goal is to create awareness of the plight of individuals suffering with neuroendocrine immune disorders. Our mission is to address hoping to alleviate many of the issues that affect the quality of life of persons who are diagnosed with fibromyalgia and other neuroendocrine disorders. P.A.N.D.O.R.A. was built on **Hope**. We are strong on **Advocacy**, and we support scientific **Research**, so ultimately a **Cure** can be found. “

Yvette Taylor, Event Coordinator and member of P.A.N.D.O.R.A.’s Board of Directors, believes that “This event will be a wonderful opportunity for individuals with FM and their friends and family to meet and foster a greater understanding of fibromyalgia. Our expert panel will be able to answer your questions, and this invisible disorder will gain new visibility in our community.”

**ABOUT THE NFA:** The National Fibromyalgia Association is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to develop and execute programs dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with fibromyalgia by increasing the awareness of the public, media, government and medical communities. The NFA publishes a quarterly magazine, *Fibromyalgia AWARE*, and hosts an award-winning website at [www.FMaware.org](http://www.FMaware.org).