

Hidden Lives Illuminated: Reflection Guide

THEME: FAMILY AND COMMUNITY IMPACT

Original *Hidden Lives Illuminated* Films



Brian H., *Dear Time*

- The filmmaker writes to “time,” reflecting on loss and gratitude and wondering if time really heals all wounds.



Braheem L., *My Boys...*

- Two sons express the challenges of growing up with an incarcerated father.



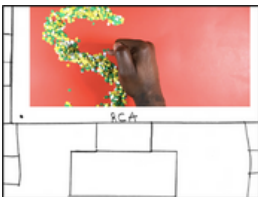
Clarence S., *Through Her, I Live*

- "Angels walk among us." This is a story of how a life, lost too soon, saved an uncle during his incarceration.



Justino G., *Piano Priest*

- The filmmaker muses about his son, a musical prodigy, who uses his gifts to cope with his father’s incarceration.



Robert T., *A Special Person*

- The filmmaker talks to his young son, reminiscing about the things they share.

Student Reflection Questions

- How do the stories in the film challenge or reinforce your views about incarceration and its impact on families?
- What role do you think young people can play in addressing some of the issues raised in the films?
- Do you think prisons do enough to support family connections? Why or why not?
- If you could send a message to the family of a filmmaker, what would it be?