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CITY LIFE FILM PROJECT LAUNCHES THREE NEW FILMMAKERS FROM TORONTO'S HIGH PRIORITY NEIGHBOURHOODS

Toronto – The City Life Film Project will premiere three short films at a special screening at the *TIFF Bell Lightbox on Tuesday, January 24th at 7pm*, with a red carpet at 6:30pm. In its second year, the program seeks to provide talented youth from priority neighbourhoods with the unique opportunity to achieve artistic excellence through filmmaking.

In these neighbourhoods, over 30% of high school students are not expected to graduate. With higher unemployment, increased crime rates and deeper social divisions within our city, City Life trains talented youth and gives them the chance to tell their stories. Top filmmakers from the Toronto film industry act as mentors to the youth helping them to articulate their experiences and expand their education. This year's filmmakers and mentors are:

**Gebriel Deneke “CUL-DE-SAC,” mentored by Leonard Farlinger (I'M YOURS)
Kimberly Miller-Pryce “BABY HALF LIE,” mentored by Ruba Nadda (CAIRO TIME).
Kobina Ntiri “FADING,” mentored by David Weaver (THE SAMARITAN)**

“We are thrilled the Toronto community has continued to show tremendous support for this project. These filmmakers have very personal stories to share and to contribute to the diversity of voices in Toronto. We know this year's films will create a social dialogue with audience members, and that's one of the project's main goals,” said Tara Woodbury, Program Director.

City Life began when Calum deHartog, a city cop with a passion for filmmaking, approached The Remix Project and Temple Street Productions with the idea of helping Toronto's inner city youth tell their stories through film. Thus began an innovative partnership that led to the creation of the City Life Film Project. Please see the Filmmakers section at www.citylifefilmproject.com to learn more about the films, our finalist and all of our participants.

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