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SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY SCREENS *I'M CAROLYN PARKER - THE GOOD, THE MAD, AND THE BEAUTIFUL*
Award-Winning Film Tells Rebuilding of Katrina-ravaged New Orleans by Everyday Heroes

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Public Library and PBS' Point-of-View (POV) documentary series present a preview film screening of *I'm Carolyn Parker - The Good, the Mad, and the Beautiful*, directed by celebrated filmmaker Jonathan Demme, at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, August 20, 2012 in the 3rd floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego. Hurricane Katrina survivor, Dr. Tanis Stark of San Diego State University, will present a special introduction for the film. This event is free and open to the public.

In 2005, Academy Award®-winning director Jonathan Demme set out to document the devastation wreaked by Hurricane Katrina and the rebuilding of New Orleans' Lower Ninth Ward. When he met Carolyn Parker, what began as a historical documentary morphed into a vibrant character study of the courage and resiliency of this fearless matriarch and civil-rights activist. *I'm Carolyn Parker: The Good, the Mad, and the Beautiful* is an intimate, account of Parker's five-year crusade to rebuild her beloved neon-green house, her church, her community—and her life.

In conjunction with the screening, the producer of *I'm Carolyn Parker*, Daniel Wolff will appear on Tuesday, August 21 at 6:00 p.m. at the Valencia Park/Malcolm X Branch Library to discuss his book *The Fight for Home: How (Parts of) New Orleans Came Back*. For over five years, the author has documented an amazing cross section of New Orleans in upheaval: a born-again preacher with a ministry of ex-addicts, a former Black Panther organizing for a new cause, a single mother, "broke as a joke" in a FEMA trailer. *The Fight for Home* chronicles their battle to survive not just the floods, but the corruption that continues and the base-level emergency of poverty and neglect. From ruin to limbo to triumphant return, Wolff offers an intimate look at the lives of everyday American heroes. Call (619) 527-3405 for more information.

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Dr. Tanis Starck is a noted educational psychologist and the director of the Office of Intercultural Relations at SDSU. She is also the author of *And Her Name Was Katrina: Life after the Storm as a Hurricane Katrina Evacuee*.

Since 1988, PBS' POV series has brought the best of independent point-of-view documentaries to a national audience, featuring the work of America's most innovative documentary filmmakers to build new communities in conversation about today's most pressing social issues. *I'm Carolyn Parker - The Good, the Mad, and the Beautiful* is scheduled to debut on national public television on September 20, 2012.

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