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Film Looks at How Women of Rwanda are Rebuilding Their Country Following 1994 Genocide

Documentary is Part of "Changing Face of San Diego" Program

SAN DIEGO – The City of San Diego Public Library will host a screening of "Mothers Courage, Thriving Survivors" during the ongoing film festival for the Library's *Changing Face of San Diego* program. The free film screening will take place at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 15 at the City Heights/Weingart Branch Library's Performance Annex, located at 3795 Fairmount Ave.

This documentary film looks at how the women of Rwanda got back on their feet following the genocide of 1994, which, paradoxically, made these survivors stronger. Dehumanized, humiliated and, until recently, legally under age, these young women have worked tirelessly toward the reconstruction of Rwanda. Thanks to their ethics and dynamism, they have imposed changes at every level of the social and political spectrum, including in the National Parliament, where they occupy 48 percent of the seats — a rate of representation unequalled anywhere else in the world. In all their restored dignity, they have emerged as real "Mothers Courage."

The Changing Face of San Diego program connects immigrants, both new and old, to the larger community with engaging activities involving books, films, theater and oral histories. Funding for the project is provided in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian.

For more information, contact the City Heights/Weingart Branch Library at 619-641-6100, or visit the San Diego Public Library on the web at www.sandiegolibrary.org.

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