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Directing & Production
Documentary Proposal

Community Empowered 2nd Edition

A ten-minute documentary trailer that highlights resources in the community and the people working to make it possible.

Tom Buscher

Director & Producer

Writing, Filming, & editing.

Statement

A community that supports each other is made stronger together. We all need help at some point in our lives. Sometime that help makes all the difference.

Background & Need

“According to the food bank, Clallam County experienced a 250% increase in food insecurity in 2020 and 54.7% of students qualified for federal free and reduced meal programs. It’s no wonder 1 in 4 community members visited the food bank in 2020. On a monthly basis the Port Angeles Food Bank provides our neighbors and friends with food for 200,000 meals, and we couldn’t be more grateful!”

In today’s world of rising prices and low wages people more than ever are looking for answers and when they don’t know where to turn for help, those problems become nightmares. Clallam County in Washington state has not been above this crisis. It seems impossible to simply go to a grocery store without seeing some unfortunate souls standing on the corner asking for help, people sleeping in alleyways, or even tents set up on sidewalks or in front of “Out of Business” signs.

“An estimated 11.2 percent of residents and 23.2 percent of children under the age of 18 in the county live in poverty (the national federal poverty level for a family of four is \$26,500).”
Quote from [Clallam-County-Homeless-System-Needs-and-Gaps-Report-2021](#). Since then, more businesses have shut down creating an ever-growing unemployed population

while rent, and food prices have increased. These statistics are even more real for those who live around here.

Another great resource is the Port Angeles Food Bank ([Port Angeles Food Bank](#)) This nonprofit has a location in Port Angeles that allows food access to anyone in need, but also has a mobile market van that brings food to people in different areas in town including a weekly stop at the Peninsula college. This organization does so much more than just food. PA Food Bank also has an Outreach program that helps people who are experiencing homelessness.

In short, people are experiencing some hard times in Clallam County, but thanks to non-profits like Port Angeles Food Bank our community has a fighting chance against food insecurity and homelessness.

Approach, Form, & Style

This film will explore perspectives from resource organizers, volunteers, and the community through interviews. I will be filming actions of the shelves being stocked, food trucks rolling in, and others important action shots to bring this story to life. This film will be educational and inspirational focusing on the positive side of the community effort. This film hopes to motivate people to join the community to help support the available resources as well as guide people in need to where they can receive help.

Shooting Schedule

April 21st to 27th Concept, development, and writing

April 28th to May 10th filming

May 10th to 17th Initial video editing

May 18th Submission of first edit

May 19th to 24th Additional video editing

May 25th Submission of 2nd edit

June 17th Submission of video to the Moving Pictures Film Festival

Current Budget

Hourly rate per film maker \$X donated for this film

The usual hourly rate **\$550.00/hr. (Hourly rate based off market value.)**

12 hours of estimated filming **\$6,600**

32 hours of estimated editing **\$17,600**

3 hours of estimated travel time **\$1,650**

4 hours of estimated concept and development **\$2,200**

10 hours of estimated additional time **\$5,500**

Total hourly charges \$33,550 (waived for this film)

Equipment:

Robus RC-8880 Vantage Series 5 Carbon Fiber Tripod **\$499.95**

Robus RTH-150 Triple Action Ball Head **\$269.95**

RODE Wireless Pro Dual-Channel Wireless Microphone System **\$399.00**

RODE VIDEOMIC Go II On-Camera Shotgun Microphone **\$99.00**

Lenovo Legion Pro 5i 16" Laptop WQXGA Intel 14th Gen Core i9 **\$1,899.99**

Canon EOS R6 Mark II camera body **\$2,299.00**

Canon RF 15-35mm F2.8 L IS USM lens **\$2,199.00**

Canon RF 70-200mm F2.8 L IS USM lens **\$2,599.00**

Canon RF 28-70mm F2 L USM lens **\$2,899**

Canon RF 100-500mm F4.5-7.1 L IS USM lens **\$2,899**

DJI Osmo Action 5 Pro Adventure Combo **\$369.00**

DJI Osmo Action FOV Boost Lens **\$86.03**

DJI Mic Mini transmitter **\$69.00**

PGYTECH Cap lock Super Clamp **\$39.95**

PGYTECH Cap lock U-Bolt Mount **\$39.95**

SanDisk Extreme Pro 128GB SDXC UHS II Memory Card **\$155.99**

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Adobe Creative Suite **\$239.88**

Total \$17,218.68

Total Film Budget \$50,768.68

Total discounts \$33,550

Actual Total \$17,218.68

Audience, Marketing, & Distribution

Our focus will be to make this video public by posting it on Tom Buscher's YouTube channel, www.youtube.com/@Good8Design. Tom will then directly contact institutions such as Peninsula College, scholarship committees and donors, city planners and downtown associations to ask for their support in the distribution of this film. Most importantly, Tom will be making this video available to the institutions and charities featured in this film.

Biography

Tom Buscher is a full-time student at Peninsula College pursuing a degree in Multimedia Communications and Graphic Design. His passions include photography, image editing, digital video and film making. He has published photography work in CM Digital Artist magazine. More of his work can be found here [Good Design #8 - Imagination Unleashes Creativity](#) and on a variety of social media platforms. His greatest desire is for his work to impact others either through entertainment or knowledge and inspiration.