

Dare Not Walk Alone: First Steps

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The first public screening of **Dare Not Walk Alone** was in a 400-seat theater in Jacksonville, Florida. The theater was packed. People had to be turned away.

The second screening a week later, in an 800-seat theater, was also packed. Again, people had to be turned away. Over 500 of those turned away came back the same night for a hastily scheduled second showing.

At each of these performances the audiences gave two spontaneous standing ovations, first for the roll call of the 1964 Civil Rights marchers, and then for the final credits.

Here is a sample of the written comments we have received from people who have watched **Dare Not Walk Alone**:

- Outstanding! Everyone needs to see this!
- Thank you so much. You have opened my heart and my mind to this problem.
- Greatly needed! Provocative! Profound! And right on time!
- Your film is life changing and life giving
- Absolutely phenomenal
- Amazing, moving, and about time! Thank you!
- This documentary is long overdue. Bravo!
- Educational and amazing.
- Magnificent!
- Very powerful!
- Excellent documentary!
- This is a powerful film! To be reminded of the prices so many paid, and also challenged by what is still to be done, has been an overwhelming experience.
- I am inspired and moved!!
- Very moving. I learned a lot and want to see it again.
- Heart wrenching
- Great way for students, adults, to connect and learn.

- Absolutely incredible. Really surfaced a lot of issues that are in desperate need of consideration. Extremely thought provoking.
- You hit a lot of essential points. The film will really raise awareness and I commend all who worked on the film and hope that there is more we can do as a community to change.
- Get this movie out to as many people as possible.
- This film will open lots of eyes and hearts, including mine, to this problem.
- Long overdue. Genius. Top notch and done with love. Life changing and much needed. Hats off to Jeremy Dean for conquering this tough issue.
- Awesome! Incredible. Thank you so much for devoting your life to shed light for others.
- So powerful and moving; an experience everyone should have.

Dare Not Walk Alone is now set to appear at three film major festivals:

- Cinequest San Jose Film Festival, March 1 - 12, 2006
- The Independent Black Film Festival, Atlanta, March 12 - 19, 2006
- The Florida Film Festival, Orlando, March 24 – April 2, 2006

As a direct result of these first public screenings of the film, state and local politicians have been moved to action.

- An emergency summit on affordable housing.
- A screening tour of Florida's Historically Black Colleges and Universities, including Bethune-Cookman College, Florida Memorial University, Edward Waters College, and Florida A&M University.