



## **Studio Movie Grill Donates Entire Dallas Location for Student Screenings of WONDER**

SMG partners with Lionsgate and Big Thought to host 2,500 Prosper ISD students and offer multiple other educational screenings of WONDER

DALLAS, November 9, 2017 -- Studio Movie Grill ("SMG") continues its mission to open hearts and minds, one story at a time with facilitated screenings of the Lionsgate film WONDER starring Julia Roberts and Owen Wilson. SMG will screen the film for over 2500 Prosper ISD students with social-emotional educational facilitators from Big Thought to create an impactful learning experience focused on acceptance, belonging, empathy and kindness. The event will take place on November 15<sup>th</sup> starting at 5pm at SMG's Colony location.

Prosper Independent School District is a public-school district based in Prosper, Texas and all of Prosper ISD's seven elementary schools, two middle schools and high school were invited to this event. Big Thought works with partners across the city to ensure all students have access to high-quality learning opportunities that promote creativity and social and emotional learning to better prepare kids for success in work and life.

"Movies have a deep impact on social emotional learning for children," says National Director of Sales Robert Jenkins, "A film as beautiful as WONDER can show all of us more about empathy, understanding and kindness, no matter our differences." WONDER is a family drama about a young boy with facial differences who has to navigate his first year in 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

"Social and emotional learning is a crucial component of a student's success in school, work and life," says Ed Meier, Interim Executive Director at Big Thought. "We are excited to complement the film WONDER with engaging activities that inspire students to mirror these traits in their everyday lives."

Along with the screening of WONDER at the SMG Colony location, SMG plans to host numerous WONDER screenings donated to local schools across the country, including dedicating a special screening for Big Thought's Thriving Minds After School (TMAS) students and hosting 800 young students in the Uplift program in Dallas Fort Worth.

### **About Studio Movie Grill**

Established in 2000, Studio Movie Grill modernized the traditional movie-going experience by combining first-run movies with full-service, in-theater dining. SMG has swiftly grown to 30 locations in 9 states by the end of 2017 with further expansion planned in 2018. SMG was named to *Inc. Magazine's* List of Fastest Growing Private Companies two years in a row. As a commitment to Opening Hearts and Minds One Story at a Time, SMG's long-standing Special Needs Screenings, Chefs for Children community programs and annual Opening Hearts and Minds Awards continue to help families and acknowledge heroes everywhere. For additional information, visit [www.studiomoviegrill.com](http://www.studiomoviegrill.com).

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