

Pharma

Based on the incredible true story of Dr. Frances Kelsey and the 1960s thalidomide tragedy.

'Heroine' of FDA Keeps Bad Drug Off of Market

By Markon Hillis

This is the story of how the skepticism and stubbornness of a Government physician stopped the birth of thousands of mangled and helpless children. The story of Dr. Frances Kelsey, a Food and Drug Administration medical officer, is not one of inspired producers out of dramatic re-creation.

She saw her duty in clearly simple terms, and she carried it out, being the only one who refused to sign the papers that would have allowed the drug to be marketed in the United States.

standards and her belief in the drug was "parallel" against those facts: The drug had come to widespread use in other countries. It was used primarily as sedative, light anesthesia. It was used over the world before it was put on a U.S. market. It was not dangerous. It was not addictive. It was not habit-forming. It was cheap. And there were the cases of congenitally weak arms. And there were the cases of congenitally weak legs. Only a few weeks ago it had been "brave" 1962.

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Highlights

- 1 Executive team with a combined 40+ years experience and Academy Award winning work.
- 2 In this limited lightning round, join over 1,700 people who have invested a total of over \$1M.
- 3 Investors recoup 120% of principal plus pro-rata share of 50% of the backend plus fan based perks!

4 A true story about courageous women that will inspire and entertain audiences worldwide.

5 Pre P&A: Active and engaged fanbase of over 10,000+.

6 Well-positioned for global theatrical release and a worldwide audience.

7 We have the support of thalidomide survivors worldwide who are eager to have their stories told.

Featured Investors



Michael A Adkins, MD 

Invested \$10,000 

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From Navy nuclear power trained electrician to Emergency Physician, residing in Chandler, AZ. Graduate of Old Dominion, and University of Pittsburgh medical school. I completed my residency at U Mass in Worcester, MA. Proud husband and father of 4.

"I have always been a fan of movies and was excited when I learned I could invest in some of these projects. This is not my first film investment, but when I learned of this project I was very intrigued by the subject matter. I feel that stories such as this, that tell the true stories of events that have actually happened, are high interest films. I feel this is a story that people deserve to know about, and the selfless acts of Dr Kelsey, should be widely known, and she should be celebrated for her courage and willingness to stand up against industry to help protect society. The social setting in the early 60s makes her story even more impressive, going up against a large corporation in a time when men largely dominated the business world and women were still seen by many as second class citizens. This is a story about a true American hero! Let's all take this ride and tell her story together!"



Deborah (Debbie) Vines

Invested \$100,000 

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"I am a film producer with a passion to produce films that are entertaining, inspiring, and proclaim truth. Pharma is one of those stories. While historical, the tale is as relevant today as it was the day Dr. Kelsey stood her ground against a pharmaceutical Goliath. In addition, the talent assembled on this film is impressive. I believe these team members possess both the passion and the abilities to produce a blockbuster film. With this rare combination of a true, inspiring, relevant script, and amazing talent, Pharma is destined to be both successful and impactful. I believe we are witnessing the birth of a classic film and I intend to have a front row seat. I hope that you will join me!"



Terry Wood

Invested \$100,000 

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"I am a new business investor in the film sector. My past background includes experience in science elementary education, and in producing comedy, dinner, and dance parties on ships and at hotel venues. When Pharma began to gain momentum during their crowdfunding campaign, I actually got to talk to Ashley, the CEO of her film company. After speaking with her, I felt that I should take the plunge with her on this project because I truly believe she cares about the investors and will do her best to get this film made and into the theaters. I think the audience will love the 1960s setting and the main character being like David going against Goliath."

Our Team



Ashley Bratcher Producer

Award winning actress/producer/writer and star of the box office hit, *Unplanned*. Over a decade of filmmaking experience with 40+ credits in television and film.



Lisa Bruce Producer

Member of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences as well as the British Academy of Film & TV Arts. Two-time Oscar-nominated & BAFTA award-winning producer of *The Theory of Everything* starring Eddie Redmayne and *Darkest Hour* starring Gary Oldman.



Dori Zavala Producer/Legal

Award winning screenwriter and attorney with over 20 years' experience practicing

Award winning screenwriter and attorney with over 20 years experience practicing business law and litigation. She also passed the Series 65 investment license exam and has acted as an Investment Adviser Representative.



Mark Fincannon Executive Producer/Casting Director

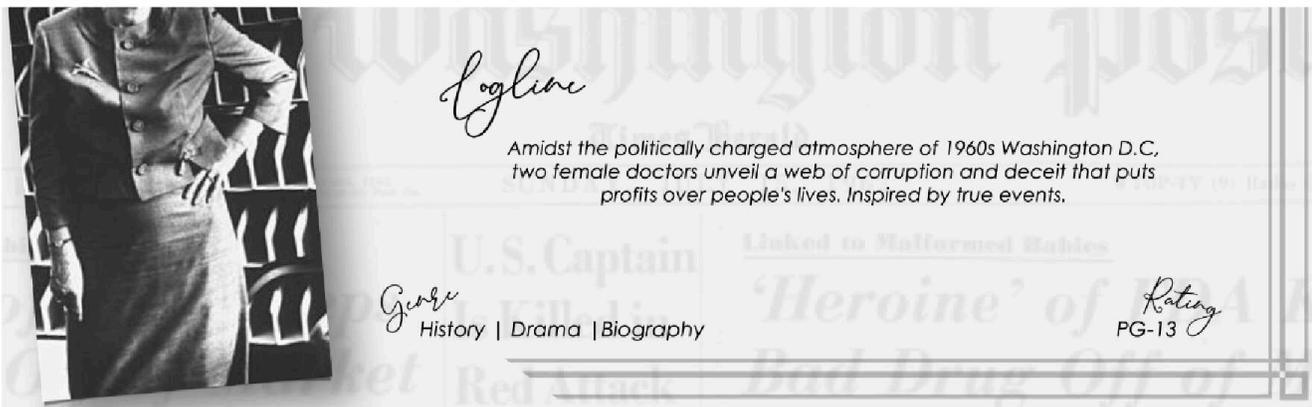
40 year veteran filmmaker & Emmy Award Winning Casting Director whose company has worked with legendary directors Steven Spielberg, David Lynch, & George Lucas to name a few. Casting 300+ features, 15 miniseries, & thousands of hours of television series.

More than a movie, Pharma is a movement.

Over 1,700 people with investments totaling over \$1,000,000 have paved the way for the production of the feature film, Pharma. After generating immense interest at the close of our last crowdfund, a waitlist soon formed of people who wanted to continue to invest. With several hundred people ready to become part of our production family, we've decided to issue another offering to invest in our project!

The script is based on the incredible true story of Dr. Frances "Frankie" Kelsey and her fight to keep a dangerous drug from being approved for the US market. Risking her career and family along the way, Frankie wages war against big Pharma in 1960, resisting intense pressure and threats from inside the FDA to expose the biggest unmonitored drug trial in US history.





Dr. Kelsey's heroic efforts are an example of what one person can do to prevent disaster and change the course of history.



Frankie's story will inspire audiences for years to come and shine a light on the overlooked tragedy that has impacted tens of thousands of people around the world. Her battle was one of David and Goliath proportions: One woman taking on the billion-dollar pharmaceutical industry to expose corruption and prevent a national tragedy.



THALIDOMIDE

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The ramifications of this historical event still linger today. Though Dr. Kelsey's efforts prevented a US disaster, many around the world suffered. To date, survivors of thalidomide have not received full restitution. Our goal is to highlight the courage of Dr. Kelsey and shine a light on one of history's hidden stories. We hope to encourage survivors, by showing them that their story has not gone unnoticed, and impact audiences to take action in the face of injustice.

Pharma is an important and critically relevant story for this moment in history. As we emerge from a global pandemic and new information comes to light each day, Frankie's story highlights the risk of placing trust in huge corporations and government entities without proper oversight.



It all starts with a good story...

"It's rare to find a script that is both well crafted and has come at the right time. With more scripts coming in and more movies getting made every year, it becomes increasingly rarer to hit both of those marks. I can honestly say that *Pharma* not only hits both of those marks, but does so in a way that makes this story transcend the page."

-Eclectic Pictures Script Analyst

FRANKIE
(chuckles)
No. I just crossed out the Mr. wrote
in Ms. and accepted the offer.

Script



In addition to an award winning feature length script, the proof of concept and short film, *Pharma*, completed the 2023 festival circuit with multiple official selections, nominations, and category wins. The caliber of the project produced on a micro-budget, exhibits the skill and indie grit that the team brings to the table.

Dear Doctor:

On December 5th, 1961 we advised you of the possible relationship of congenital malformations observed abroad in offspring of certain patients who had taken thalidomide (Kevadon in Canada) early

Earlier today, Dr. Kelsey told a Senate subcommittee that thalidomide was available for experimental use by certain American physicians for nearly a year after she had first suspected it might affect unborn

peeling. Tables are piled high with new drug applications. The sun pours in through rough blinds at the unpeeped windows.

Busy with Two Jobs
A no-nonsense kind of woman with graying hair. Dr.

low heels. Her short, straight hair is cut in a somewhat mannish style. She answers a Senate subcommittee's questions readily yesterday, but there is a shy quality about her, too.

She dislikes housework likes to play tennis and sh

I'M FROM SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND, AND I AM A THALIDOMIDE SURVIVOR.

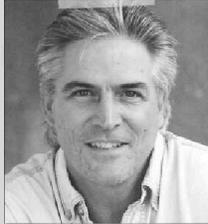
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Producer, Ashley Bratcher, is an award winning actress and the star of the box office hit *Unplanned*. *Unplanned* premiered at number 4 its opening weekend in the box office among major Hollywood Studio

competition including Captain Marvel, Us, and Dumbo. According to Box Office Mojo, the film took in an estimated \$6,110,000 at the end of the weekend, with a cumulative per-screen average of \$5,770 on just 1,059. To date, it has grossed over \$21 million dollars off of a modest \$6 million dollar budget.

Ashley's heart for telling true stories that encourage positive change has been the driving force for bringing Pharma to the screen. In 2020, Ashley founded her own production company, Simple Jane Films, to focus on creating content about ordinary women with extraordinary stories. She is backed by an executive team with a combined 40+ years experience in filmmaking. Their areas of expertise include development, screenwriting, production, casting, public relations, marketing, business law, and distribution.

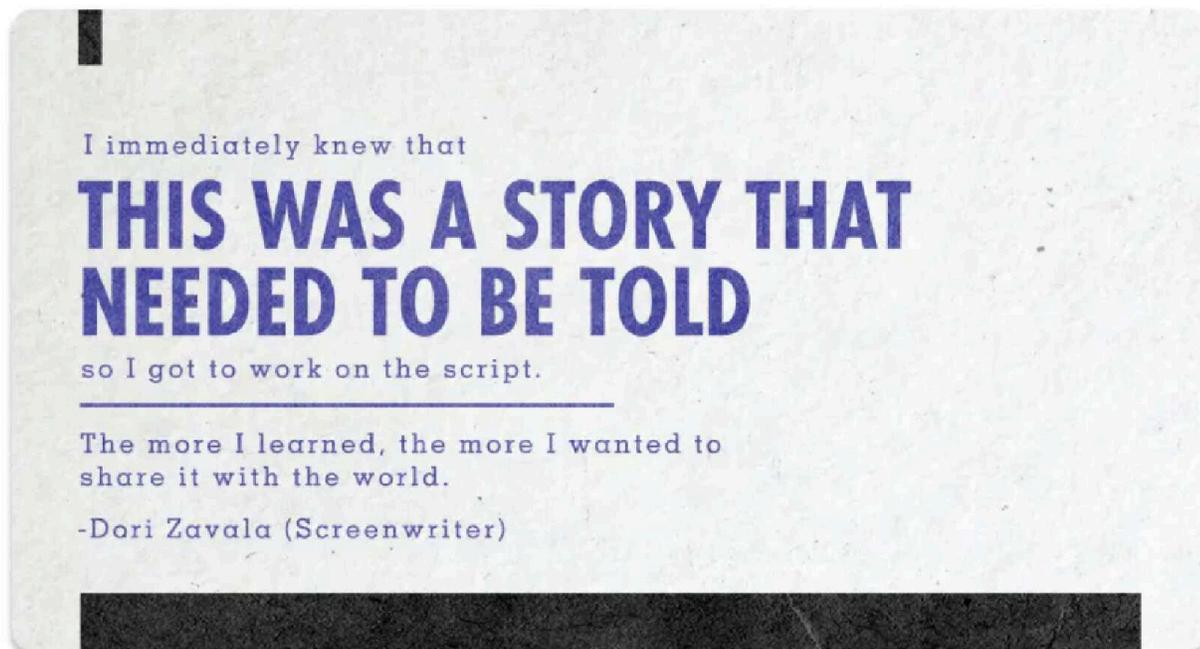
Production Team

			
<p>ASHLEY BRATCHER PRODUCER</p>	<p>DORI ZAVALA PRODUCER</p>	<p>MARK FINCANNON EXECUTIVE PRODUCER</p>	<p>NICOLE WEIDER EXECUTIVE PRODUCER</p>
<p>CEO of Simple Jane Films, award winning actress, producer, and star of the box office hit, <i>Unplanned</i>. Ashley is a Campbell University Bachelor of Arts cum laude graduate, and an honorary Notre Dame Alumni. She has worked in the film industry for over a decade with 40+ film and television credits to her name. In addition to her work on screen, Ashley is dedicated to using her platform to encourage positive change. Her philanthropic efforts include founding a scholarship fund to provide financial and material assistance to mothers seeking to continue their education.</p>	<p>Dori is a producer, screenwriter, and an attorney. She graduated from Northwestern University with a B.A. in Political Science/International Studies and from the University of Arizona College of Law cum laude with a juris doctor degree. Dori has over 20 years experience practicing business law and litigation. She also holds a Series 65 investment license and has acted as an Investment Adviser Representative. She is also the CEO of Athena Ink, a production company dedicated to telling the untold stories of strong women heroes throughout history.</p>	<p>Mark is a 40 year veteran filmmaker and Emmy Award Winning Casting Director. He and his company, Fincannon and Associates, have worked with such legendary directors as Steven Spielberg, Taylor Hackford, William Friedkin, David Lynch, and George Lucas to name a few. They have been responsible for casting over 200 feature films, 100 television movies, 15 television mini-series, and thousands of hours of television series. Mark is a member of the Academy of Television of Arts & Sciences. A few of his other most notable films are <i>Ray</i>, <i>The Prince of Tides</i>, <i>Miracles from Heaven</i>, <i>The Patriot</i>, and <i>The Blindside</i>.</p>	<p>Nicole is an executive producer, actress, and owner of Weider Entertainment. Her previous work includes <i>Switched</i>, starring Denise Richards and John Schneider which was bought and Released through Vertical Entertainment. Nicole also executive produced <i>Catching Faith 2</i> starring Bill Engvall which was bought and released by RLJ Entertainment, an AMC subsidiary. Nicole is an active member of Women in Film. One of her missions is to highlight strong women's stories through film.</p>





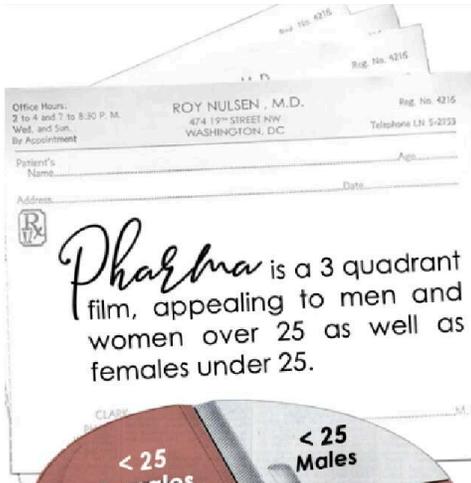
Our goal is to raise \$5 million dollars for the development and attachment of key talent through our crowdfund raise. Part of this budget will be allocated to ongoing development, with the remaining balance allocated towards production, post production, and distribution. Hitting milestones throughout the offering allow us to maintain momentum and move the project forward. If you decide to invest, you'll be raising awareness that this story should be seen on screens around the world.



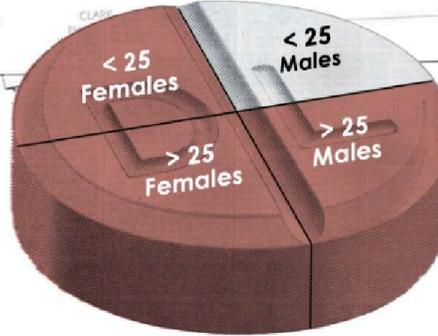
Though investing in movies is incredibly risky, and a return on investment can never be guaranteed, we feel that the profitability of bionics has remained consistent over the years. Films such as Hidden

Topics has remained consistent over the years. Films such as *Hidden Figures*, *Erin Brockovich* and *The Imitation Game* have realized enormous profits at the box office. These kinds of movies often become classics, proving the test of time, and creating more downstream revenue for years to come.

Comparables



Pharma is a 3 quadrant film, appealing to men and women over 25 as well as females under 25.





HIDDEN FIGURES

Budget	\$25,000,000
US Gross.....	\$169,607,287
Worldwide Gross.....	\$235,956,898

Nominated for 3 Academy Awards. Another 37 wins & 85 nominations.



THE IMITATION GAME

Budget	\$14,000,000
US Gross.....	\$91,125,683
Worldwide Gross.....	\$233,555,708

Nominated for 8, Won 1 Academy Award. Another 21 wins & 70 nominations.



JACKIE

Budget	\$9,000,000
US Gross.....	\$13,960,394
Worldwide Gross.....	\$24,270,399

Nominated for 3 Academy Awards. Another 44 wins & 165 nominations.

Comparables



BIG EYES

Budget	\$10,000,000
US Gross.....	\$14,482,031
Worldwide Gross.....	\$29,253,166

Won 1 Golden Globe Award. Another 44 wins & 165 nominations.



SPOTLIGHT

Budget	\$20,000,000
US Gross.....	\$45,055,776
Worldwide Gross.....	\$98,690,254

Nominated for 6, Won 2 Academy Award. Another 21 wins & 92 nominations.



JUST MERCY

Budget	\$25,000,000
US Gross.....	\$36,001,502
Worldwide Gross.....	\$50,401,502

Nominated for 8, Won 1 Academy Award. Another 21 wins & 70 nominations.



THE POST

Budget	\$50,000,000
US Gross.....	\$81,903,458
Worldwide Gross.....	\$179,769,457

Nominated for 2 Academy Awards. Another 19 wins & 111 nominations.



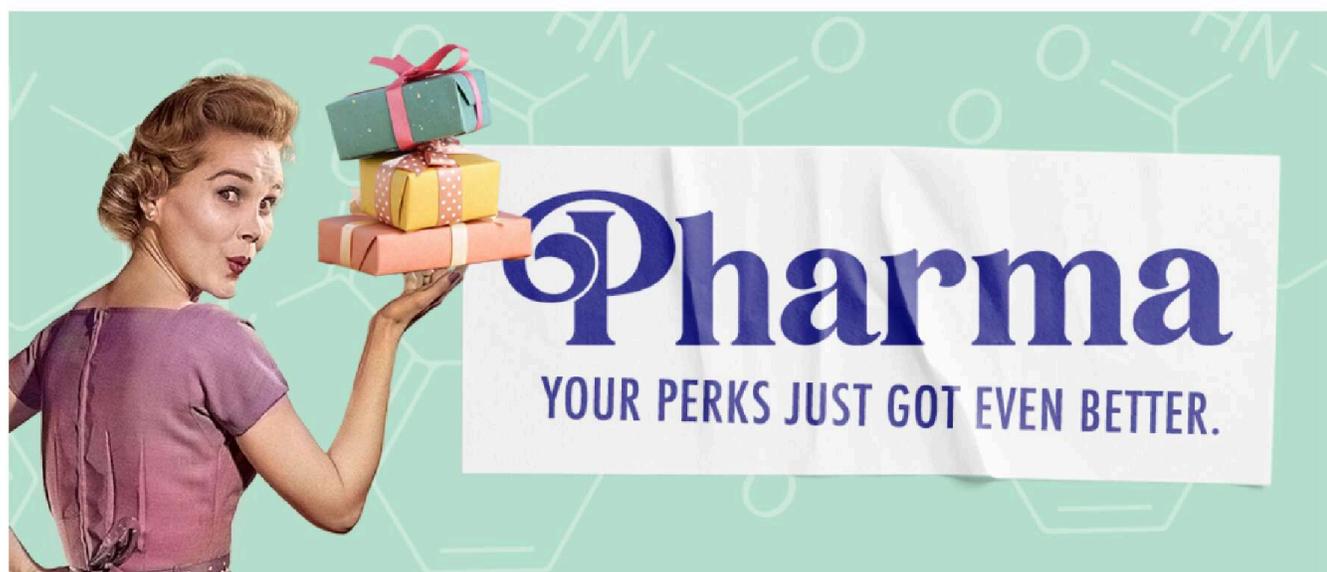
**Success in other projects does not guarantee success in Pharma. There can be no assurance that the projected results will be obtained, and actual results may vary significantly from the projections.*

projections.

Pharma is a story of investigative action, emotional drama, high stakes, and courage. This is your chance to be a part of movie history, creating a legacy with a movie that explores history while entertaining, engaging, and inspiring its audience.



In addition to making a really amazing movie, we've always wanted to build a community where our fans and investors feel connected to our project beyond just a dollar amount. We want you to be able to share this journey with us and have an experience that makes you excited and proud to be a part of the Pharma investor family.





\$100: Access to INVESTOR ONLY live virtual roundtable discussions with the filmmakers to discuss behind the scenes, chat with special guests, and participate in Q&A.

\$1,000: BE IN THE MOVIE! You'll receive a guaranteed spot to join us for a day of filming as an extra in the movie!*

\$5,000: Receive a signed copy of the Pharma film poster.

\$10,000: Get a first look at the script! This script has been kept top secret. With this perk, you'll be granted exclusive access to read the script before it makes its way to the big screen.**

\$20,000: Invitation to the World Premiere! You'll join us on the red carpet as we celebrate the opening of the film. Mingle with celebrities and be the first to watch the story come to life on the big screen!**

\$50,000: Own a piece of movie memorabilia! This perk is for our movie buffs who love collector's items! In addition to receiving an autographed movie still from the feature, you'll be gifted a one of a kind prop following the release of the film.

\$250,000: Receive 2 VIP passes for the world premiere that includes a private meet and greet with the stars and a trip down the red carpet.*

**Travel and lodging not included. **A signed NDA will be required prior to receiving a copy of the script.*