



Dominique

Dominique explores the everyday life of a tight-knit family in Spearfish, South Dakota as they navigate life's challenges with resilience, gratitude, and unconditional love.

SYNOPSIS

This short documentary follows Dominique and her tight-knit family in Spearfish, South Dakota, portraying the simplicity and warmth of their daily life.

From bonding over target practice and gardening to Dominique's infectious positivity at the restaurant where she works, the film showcases their resilience and joy amidst everyday life. Through intimate moments and outdoor adventures like hunting, we are drawn into their world and experience

Dominique's role in teaching her family valuable lessons about gratitude and embracing challenges.

Dominique has Down syndrome.



THE FILM

Executive Producer

Kristi Larson

Directors

Jordan Layton

Christopher Larson

Music

Alessandro Paganelli

Run Time

14:44

Producer

Christopher Larson

Story by

Jordan Layton

Christopher Larson

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Color

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Dominique is a 28-year-old female. She was born with Downs Syndrome, but this does not keep her from striving for new goals and interacting with her small town in South Dakota. With support of her family, Dominique is an independent woman – be it hunting, working at Culver’s, or singing her favorite songs. Her disability does not define her – her abilities do.

The film follows Dominique over 5 days to explore her and her family’s life in Spearfish, SD as she prepares to go on the big hunt with her dad.

DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

Kristi Larson from Northern Hills Training Center first approached us about making a documentary about Dominique, with whom she had worked for years. She told us how amazing Dominique and her family were, and how she thought they would make compelling subjects for a documentary. It got us thinking...

When we grew up, students with disabilities were often kept separate and seen as 'the others'. There was a special bus, a special class, special teachers. This led to a belief that people's disabilities defined them. Instead of treating them the same as anyone else, people with disabilities were and are treated differently.

But we believe that this stems from a lack of knowledge and experience, and we hope that with this film, we can shed light on the life of Dominique – someone who has passions, dreams, and desires, and how her family helps her along her journey. By working with experts at Northern Hills Training Center, we hope to educate not only ourselves, but also those who will watch the film.





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