Inspirational Films

Inspirational Films Relating to Life and Medicine

Listed below are some truly inspiring movies about medicine and life in general. These films are all based on the real stories of people who have made a difference in our world. If you haven't already seen them, here's your chance.



Description	Website
"Awakenings" is based on the true story of a doctor who managed to "awaken" many patients from their catatonic state upon discovering the benefits of the L-Dopa drug.	http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JAz-prw_W2A
"Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story" is based on the true story of a poor African American boy who turns his life around to become a famous neurosurgeon.	http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AmiDwytfvbA
"Lorenzo's Oil" is based on the true story of two parents' neverending dedication to helping their mortally ill child, which led to the development of an effective treatment for their son and others with the disease.	http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CxkylRxJxh8
"Patch Adams" is based on the true story of Dr. Hunter Adams, an enthusiastic man who has a passion for treating the whole patient, not just the body, with kindness and humor.	http://www.youtube.com/watch?v= ZgdyDvPCDE for more information on Dr. Adams and his work, see his website http://patchadams.org
"Temple Grandin" is based on the story of an autistic girl who manages to overcome her difficulties and grows up to achieve great things in life.	http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cpkN0JdXRpM
"The Elephant Man" is based on the true and moving story of a young man's agonizing life due to his severe deformities.	http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2RDW1ldM9zM
"The Miracle Worker" (1962) is the original film based on the life of Helen Keller, a blind and deaf child who achieved academic excellence and social success in life.	http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WOlrnq8f-y0
Youtube also features a 2000 production of Helen Keller's story.	http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_4XJ-hPa8G0