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**SCIENCE CHANNEL'S 'SCIENCE SUPER HEROES' INITIATIVE RECOGNIZES  
JOCELYN DUFF OF BOSTON AS JUNE 2017 HONOREE**

(New York) – Science Channel announced today the crowning of Jocelyn Duff as a June honoree of the network's monthly Science Super Heroes initiative. Duff is recognized for furthering science in her community and encouraging the next generation of innovators and problem solvers.

Three Science Super Heroes are nominated monthly from any of the following categories: **Super Star (CEO or professional)**, **Shooting Star (super fan)**, and **Rising Star (college student)**. Each Science Super Hero will be highlighted on-air on Science Channel the first Thursday of the month and across all Science Channel social platforms for the entire month.



Jocelyn Duff is the Founder and Executive Director of CureCMT4J, an all-volunteer, non-profit foundation inspired by her 11-year-old daughter, Talia. In 2015 Talia was diagnosed with Charcot Marie Tooth Type 4J (CMT4J), a rare disease, like ALS, known to affect approximately 22 people worldwide. CMT4J is a life-threatening, neuro-degenerative disease that causes progressive muscle weakness, leading to paralysis and respiratory compromise. Jocelyn founded CureCMT4J in June, 2016 to address an expedited path toward a gene therapy cure. She quickly assembled a scientific team of world-experts who began pre-clinical work in October, 2016 at Jackson Laboratories, through a grant from the National Institute of Health. In December, 2016 CureCMT4J funded the first-ever viral vector production for CMT4J through the UNC-Chapel Hill. Duff expects “proof of concept” results as early as June, 2017. CureCMT4J’s goal is to reach a human clinical trial as quickly as possible to save Talia and help others afflicted with rare diseases. “We have the science. Now we need the funding.” To learn more about CMT4J or to donate towards a cure go to: [curecmt4j.org](http://curecmt4j.org).

**About Science Channel**

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UNEARTHED, and HOW IT'S MADE. Science Channel's programming also includes daily news updates with SCIENCE PRESENTS DNEWS and timely, expert-driven specials covering breaking science news and discoveries. Science Channel is the premiere TV, digital and social community for those with a passion for science, space, technology, archeology, and engineering, providing immersive, engaging, high-quality entertainment across all Science Channel assets including: Science Channel television network, available in more than 72 million homes in the U.S; complimentary Video On Demand offering; SCI Go app allowing viewers to catch up on full episodes of their favorite shows anytime; deep video, interactive storytelling and virtual reality at [www.sciencechannel.com](http://www.sciencechannel.com); and conversations on Science Channel's popular social platforms including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat via @ScienceChannel.

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