



**LYNN WHITFIELD, ERICA DURANCE, AND PATRICK SABONGUI STAR IN
'WE NEED A LITTLE CHRISTMAS'
A NEW ORIGINAL PREMIERING OCTOBER 22, ON HALLMARK MOVIES & MYSTERIES**

Part of the Annual "Miracles of Christmas" Programming Event

STUDIO CITY, CA – September 28, 2022 – Lynn Whitfield ("Vacation Friends," "Greenleaf"), Erica Durance ("Color My World with Love," "North to Home") and Patrick Sabongui ("Hello, Goodbye and Everything Between," "The Flash") star in **"We Need a Little Christmas,"** a new original premiering **Saturday, October 22 (9 p.m. ET/PT)**, on Hallmark Movies & Mysteries as part of the network's annual "Miracles of Christmas" programming event.

Irene (Whitfield) is a vivacious, elderly woman who had been alone in her home for over a decade before Julie (Durance) moved in next door with her young son Gavin (Azriel Dalman, "Moonfall"). Julie lost her husband and partner in their architectural design firm a year ago and is trying to juggle her new role as sole owner of the business, being a single mother to a grieving child, and facing the first Christmas without her husband. Widowed and retired from work life, Irene spends her days volunteering in various capacities, still shovels her own driveway and keeps herself incredibly busy. Julie, overwhelmed with work and the holidays, sends Gavin to a Christmas day camp where he strikes up an unlikely friendship with Irene, who is one of the volunteers. Before long, Julie and Irene begin to share their experiences – both widowed, one with a grown grandson she raised who is now a military doctor, and one with a young child she is determined to make the holidays special for this year. While Irene helps move Julie toward balancing her personal and professional lives, Julie plans a Christmas surprise for Irene in the hope she can repay her for her kindness.

"We Need a Little Christmas" is from Old Films Inc. Howard Braunstein and Angela Mancuso are executive producers. The movie is produced by Gilles Laplante. Kevin Fair directed from a script by Graham Locke. Story by Angela Mancuso & Graham Locke.

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