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**REGULARLY SCHEDULED PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMS  
THAT ADDRESS COMMUNITY ISSUES.**

**REMARKABLE WOMEN WITH MARILYN RUSSELL**

(Sunday 6 AM to 6:30AM) Produced locally, this special public affairs program shines the spotlight on women and celebrates the achievements they have made contributing to the lives of people in the community in the Philadelphia area and around the country. Produced and hosted by Marilyn Russell.

**FLASHPOINT WITH CHERRI GREGG**

(Sunday 6:30AM AM to 7 AM) Produced locally, this special public affairs program features in depth interviews with politicians, community groups, authors, and local organizations regarding issues of local concern; produced and hosted by Cheri Gregg

## Remarkable Women 2nd Quarter Report 2021

April/May/June 2021

Sunday, April 4th:

Katie Edwards, Clean Air Counsel - in support of upcoming Earth Day Events in Philadelphia, in particular April's Run for Clean Air (40th Anniversary or the Run! (Audacy Green Initiative)

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Andrea Custis, CEO/Philadelphia Urban League (Audacy Initiative) Andrea and her team are 100% committed to empowering the under-served community in Philadelphia.

Sunday, April 11th:

Rebecca 'Becca' Shern, Founder of Minimal Wellness - she shares great advice of decluttering your space physically, emotionally, and tangibly. After the pandemic lockdown, a Spring de-cluttering is on the docket...Becca shares great tips. And, she's also married to a Minimalist, so in time for Earth Day, we're reminded to utilize already existing products instead of buying new!

Christine Knapp, Office of Sustainability, Philadelphia, PA for Earth Day.

Christine shares how her office works with other agencies in Philly (and nationally) to implement 'Greenworks Philly,' and updates us on 50th Anniversary virtual celebrations of Earth Day.

Sunday, April 18th:

CHOP Moms (WOGL Initiative/Sales Request) - Headed toward Mother's Day we featured our very special CHOP Moms.

First Up: Lori Libby, Real Housewives of CHOP. We've worked with Lori over the years during Radiothon for Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and she's incredible as is her story with her son Max, the brave cancer warrior fighter!

Sunday, April 25th:

Nicole Cashman, Founder of Cashman & Associates, celebrating the 20th Anniversary of her agency doing PR in Philadelphia. Nicole is a true expert in her field and while they couldn't celebrate the anniversary due to the pandemic, they're working on a big celebration for 2022.

Sunday, May 2nd:

Two-time SAG Winner, comedic actress, Kate Flannery, Philadelphia born and raised! Best known for her role in "The Office," as "Meredith" Kate called to share details on her new movie "Golden Arm!"

CHOP Mom - Ashley Chung - shared her daughter's experience of cancer treatment (from the age of 2) with Pediatric Cancer physicians at CHOP.

And Julianne Donnini, Auburn Road Vineyards - in support of our annual Wine Down & Derby events with SJ Wineries

Sunday, May 9th - Special Edition Mother's Day Show featuring our CHOP Moms.

Repeat: Lori Libby...her story is so inspirational.

And Dr. Yen Scogna, Pediatric Emergency Physician, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and Mom.

Sunday, May 16th:

Dr. Jaime Zuckerman, Clinical Psychologist from Montgomery County, PA in support of Mental Health Awareness Month (May). Jaime shared the top 3 things to help reduce anxiety.

Sunday, May 23rd:

Susan Nicodemus Quinn, Director of Education at Kimmel Center - with details on making sure students/faculty all remained involved with music education throughout the pandemic (virtual classes to the rescue).

Sunday, May 30th:

Pia Eisenberg, Senior VP/President of Community Engagement,

Jewish Family & Children's Services of Greater Philadelphia

Sharing details on "Recipes from the JFCS Kitchen" a cookbook of very special recipes to be shared with friends & family to benefit JFCS.

Sunday June 6th:

Angela Bauer, General Manager, Sofitel Philadelphia

Inviting the community to celebrate Philadelphia's Pride Rainbow flag on the outside of the building for Pride Month. Plus, Angela shared details on fundraisers that will benefit LGBTQ Community Centers William Way, Attic Youth Center and more.

Linda Joy Jackson, Business Director at Hopeworks, a nonprofit and social enterprise in Camden that uses technology, healing and entrepreneurship to transform lives uplifting local youth to train and help them build strong futures. The successful results of their programs speak volumes!

Sunday, June 13th:

Maura McCarthy, Executive Director, Fairmount Park Conservancy - After we've all been cooped up for more than a year, there's nowhere we'd rather be than outdoors, right? Maura joins me with all the events, programs, success stories of a non-profit surviving 2020 and moving onward and upward in 2021!

Sunday, June 20th:

Christine Cox, Artistic and Executive Director, Ballet X, a contemporary Ballet company in Philly celebrating its 15-year anniversary and the first performances ever at the Mann Center.

And

Jen Devor, Founder, Better Civics, Philadelphia. Jen's and Better Civics mission is to get young people more involved and engaged in government, voting and in their communities and neighborhoods.

Sunday, June 27th:

Martha Sharkey, Founder, "Today Is A Good Day," an agency dedicated to supporting parents who deliver pre-term babies and spend time utilizing the services of the NICU for one reason or another. No parents are every quite prepared for an early baby, so "Today Is A Good Day" helps them get up to speed quickly...emotionally, physically and financially.

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## Flashpoint

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2021/April 1, 2021-June 30, 2021

April 2021:

### **April 4, 2021-Flashpoint LIVE: COVID-19 in perspective, lessons learned to fuel the future**

PHILADELPHIA (KYW Newsradio) — On a special edition of Flashpoint LIVE taped before a virtual audience, host Cherri Gregg takes a look back at the pandemic, a year after its start, and asks the burning questions about lessons learned.

When government failed to help Black Americans who were getting sick and dying from COVID-19, Black churches, Black doctors, non-profits, community groups and individuals with resources stepped up.

Guests include Rev. Marshall Mitchell and Rev. Dr. Alyn E. Waller, who joined other pastors of Black churches that joined forces with the Black Doctors COVID-19 Consortium to fill the void when the community needed it most.

Mitchell was on the front lines working to organize and use the influence of local church leaders to set up testing sites. Waller tested positive for COVID-19 at one of the events and used the circumstance to spread awareness and dispel myths.

The "Twin Sister Docs," Drs. Elana McDonald and Delana Wardlaw, are identical twin sisters who work to eliminate health disparities in Black communities.

They are respected physicians and worked for a while with the Black Doctors COVID-19 Consortium, but have used their own platform to promote accurate information on COVID-19, vaccines and preventative healthcare.

Jeff Guaracino, president and CEO of Visit Philadelphia joins the show. Guaracino is a leader in the hospitality and tourism industry and his organization markets the city.

He discusses the challenges businesses in Philadelphia have faced during the pandemic, how they are working to shift them and how the recovery cash coming to Philadelphia will help.

Finally, Jen and Robert Morris, owners of Cupcakeology, tell the story of their successful cupcake business in Collingdale, Delaware County. The closures from the pandemic brought their community out and the business thrived.

However, both of them contracted COVID-19, which threw them for a loop. However, it also showed them they needed to pivot to help other small businesses through the coronavirus storm.

This episode of Flashpoint is sponsored by Patriot Home Care, the leading provider of home care services across the state of Pennsylvania. Patriot Home Care is now accepting caregivers and new clients virtually.

### **April 11,2021-Flashpoint: Gun violence emergency money demand; chief defender departs; sexual assault awareness**

*PHILADELPHIA (KYW Newsradio)* — On the latest episode of Flashpoint, host Cheri Gregg takes a deep dive into efforts to quell the raging gun violence in Philadelphia.

Last week, federal law enforcement agencies held a press conference declaring there will be more federal prosecution of gun cases, and more FBI and ATL involvement in Philadelphia in an effort to stop the killing.

Then on Friday, a coalition of more than 40 anti-violence and violence intervention groups demanded that the Philadelphia mayor and City Council invest \$100 million dollars from this year's budget into programs that interrupt gun violence.

Black males represent 85% of the city's homicides, which are on track to break records in 2021. A group of Black male teens explain what it's like to be both victim and perpetrator. Then, Greg Thompson, director of Don't Fall Down in the Hood, a program run by the Institute for the Development of African American Youth, speaks out about how the \$100 million dollars could save Black lives.

The newsmaker of the week is Keir Bradford-Grey. A regular on the show, she is currently chief of the Defender Association of Philadelphia. She recently announced that she would resign from the post, effective April 15. During her six-year tenure, Bradford-Grey transformed the reputation of public defenders in the city of Philadelphia.

She also implemented a number of reforms that keep the most vulnerable out of the criminal justice system. She reflects on her work, discusses lessons learned and what she'll do next.

The Patriot Home Care Changemaker of the week is Victim Services Center of Montgomery County. April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and the organization is hosting a series of virtual events to reach survivors during the pandemic. Jessica Carson, education services coordinator, joins us.

## **April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021-Flashpoint Extra: Mt Airy Woman Sues, Alleging ADA Abused His Power**

*DESCRIPTION:* Khassandra Franklin, 25, was arrested in September 2020 and charged with a slew of crimes following a road rage incident with a Philadelphia Assistant DA. She claims- the city employee abused his power and sued him in state court. Her story in this Flashpoint Extra. Learn more about your ad choices. Visit [podcastchoices.com/adchoices](http://podcastchoices.com/adchoices)

## **April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021- Flashpoint: Could feds, states or biz sector make COVID-19 vaccines mandatory? Transparency act; serving victims**

*PHILADELPHIA (KYW Newsradio)* — On the latest edition on Flashpoint, host Cheri Gregg takes a deep dive into the mass effort to get COVID-19 vaccines into as many arms as possible.

In recent days, there has been a surge of new coronavirus cases in parts of the U.S. As cities and states look to reopen and move past the pandemic, could they make vaccination mandatory? Colleges and universities are beginning to require proof of COVID-19 vaccination for students wishing to live on campus in the fall. How widespread will this become?

Could cruise ships, resorts, gyms, and other businesses follow suit? How different will life look for those who opt to get the shot versus those who opt out? Dr. Robert Field, professor of law and of health management and policy at Drexel University, walks us through possible scenarios.

The newsmaker of the week is the Dr. Walter P. Lomax Transparency in Business Act. The trio of bills was passed by Philadelphia City Council last December and went into effect this month.

The new law requires that all businesses seeking city contracts worth more than \$100,000 disclose a myriad of information, including demographic data and that all information be posted in the city's website. City Council Majority Leader Cherelle Parker is the sponsor of the bill package and discusses what it seeks to accomplish.

The Patriot Home Care Changemaker of the week is Melany Nelson, executive director of Northwest Victim Services. The nonprofit provides support to individuals and families who fall victim to crime by assisting with funeral expenses, relocation, navigating the criminal justice system and more.

Since the pandemic began, the number of homicides and shooting incidents have increased significantly, as has the work of NVS. Nelson discusses their efforts, the impact of the pandemic and more.

### **April 25, 2021- Flashpoint: Philly's updated 'Roadmap to Safer Communities,' OG Law on 'Concrete Cowboy,' and Nightlight Foundation**

*PHILADELPHIA (KYW Newsradio)* — On the latest episode of Flashpoint, host Cheri Gregg takes a deep dive into the revised version of Philadelphia's "Roadmap to Safer Communities."

The original plan, aimed at curbing gun violence, was announced in 2018 and launched in 2019. However, the number of shootings and homicides by gun in the city continued to increase. The pandemic took center stage last year while Philadelphia's gun violence surged out of control.

Earlier this month, city officials rolled out a revised roadmap, which provides details for overcoming barriers and creates new interventions for gun violence in light of additional barriers posed by COVID-19.

What are the long term and short term strategies for stopping the killing? How will the city get the cash needed to make much needed investments? Erica Atwood, senior director of the Office of Policy and Strategic Initiatives for Criminal Justice & Public Safety, discusses the new plan, which you can read below.

The newsmaker of the week is Michael "OG Law" Ta'Bon, a Philadelphia born and bred actor, rapper and visual artist. He appears in the new Netflix film "Concrete Cowboy," starring Idris Elba and Method Man. The film was shot in Philadelphia in the neighborhood where Ta'Bon spent part of his youth.

Ta'Bon, a self-described "pro-activist," discusses his personal ties to the city's urban cowboys, as well as his anti-violence work. In addition, Ta'Bon discusses PURA, the new Philadelphia Urban Riding Academy, which is raising money to preserve the Black urban cowboy culture. To support Ta'Bon's pro-activism, which includes taking a mobile jail cell to communities to show kids the possible outcome of negative choices, contact him [here](#).

The Patriot Home Care Changemaker of the week is the Nightlight Foundation. The Montgomery County-based non-profit promotes awareness and provides support for individuals with autism who have aged out of the school system. Executive director Alex Viele is father to two sons with autism.

The organization's mission is to provide young adults on the spectrum with vocational training, financial support and supportive housing so that they can live a productive, independent life. It also owns an ice cream shop and uses it as the face of the foundation.

**April 25<sup>th</sup>,2021-Flashpoint: Could feds, states or biz sector make COVID-19 vaccines mandatory? Dr. Walter P. Lomax Transparency Act & serving victims**

*DESCRIPTION:* Host and KYW Newsradio Community Affairs Reporter Cherri Gregg takes a deep dive into Philadelphia's updated plan for tackling gun violence with Erica Atwood, Senior Director, Office of Policy and Strategic Initiatives for Criminal Justice & Public Safety. The newsmaker of the week is Michael "OG Law" Ta'Bon, about his role in the new Netflix film, "Concrete Cowboy." The Patriot Homecare Changemaker of the week is Nightlight Foundation. Executive Director Alex Viele ismquest. Learn more about your ad choices. Visit [podcastchoices.com/adchoices](https://podcastchoices.com/adchoices)

May 2021:

**May 2,2021- Flashpoint: An angel vaccinating the most vulnerable; dealing with trauma; Ramadan challenge**

*PHILADELPHIA (KYW Newsradio)* — On the latest episode of Flashpoint, host Cherri Gregg chats with nurse practitioner Tarik Kahn.

The University of Pennsylvania Ph.D candidate takes leftover doses of COVID-19 vaccines, known as "angel doses," door to door to people who are homebound. Khan discusses his effort and his advocacy to change the system of vaccine distribution.

The newsmaker of the week is the trauma many in America experience after watching videos of police shootings and violent interactions with people of color. How can you cope? How do you know if you or your children have been negatively affected?

Sarah-Ashley Andrews is a Masters-level clinician who has been working to prevent suicide among youth for years through her nonprofit, Dare to Hope. She discusses ways to start tough conversations with children. She also discusses her weekly podcast, Black in Therapy, which is about Black mental wellness.

The Patriot Homecare Changemaker of the week is CAIR Philadelphia. The civil rights organization is on the frontlines battling Islamophobia and all other forms of hate.

The pandemic has had a major impact on the group's efforts to raise funding, forcing them to cancel their annual fundraiser for a second year in a row. To help recoup some

of the funds, they have launched a Ramadan challenge. Executive Committee President Mohammed Zubairu discusses how the public can support.

### **May 9,2021 Flashpoint: Bones of MOVE bombing child victims held at Penn Museum — reaction and Penn apology**

*PHILADELPHIA (KYW Newsradio)* — On the latest episode of Flashpoint, host Cherri Gregg asks the burning questions about the recent disclosure that the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology had kept the remains of child victims of the 1985 MOVE bombing in West Philadelphia.

The story broke in late April that Penn faculty, without permission, held onto the bones of 14- year-old Tree Africa and had used the bones in forensic anthropology classes. It is believed that the museum also has the bones of 12-year-old Delisha Africa in its collection as well.

The Penn Museum has apologized. Abdul-Aliy Muhammad, the journalist and activist who broke the story, discusses how he discovered what Penn had in its collection. Also, Michael Africa, Jr., who was six years old at the time of the MOVE tragedy, reacts on behalf of the MOVE family and also lays out their demands for resolution.

The newsmaker of the week is the Penn Museum. Dr. Christopher Woods, the museum's new director, attempts to walk the public through just how the institution got the bones of MOVE children, why the faculty kept them and just what the university is doing to resolve the situation and rebuild community trust. Woods has apologized on behalf of the University.

The Patriot Homecare Changemaker of the week is YoungLives West Oak Lane. The organization, which has chapters all over the country, provides mentorship and support teenage mothers and their children. Club Coordinator Pam Canty is here to discuss their efforts. If you know a mother under 20 who needs support, visit their website.

### **May 29th,2021-Flashpoint: Balancing police reform and safety as Philadelphia's gun violence crisis rages**

*Description-* With violent crime surging, an election some thought might be a reckoning turned out as a resounding win for Philly District Attorney Larry Krasner over his primary challenger, former homicide prosecutor Carlos Vega. So what comes next? How does the city balance safety and fairness? And what does DA Krasner make of opponent in the general election? And with the city on pace for a record number of murders, advocates are asking what the next step is for public safety.

Reuben Jones, Executive Director of Frontline Dads and Julio Moran Jr., whose mother was murdered by her ex-husband, talk about the violence crisis in Philadelphia, the violence prevention work being done, and what the outcome of the District Attorney election means for the city.

The Philly Rising Changemaker of the week presented by Patriot Homecare is Phyllis Walker, who for decades has been working with her neighbors to improve her neighborhood from block cleanups to community watch programs. Learn more about your ad choices. Visit [podcastchoices.com/adchoices](https://podcastchoices.com/adchoices)

June 2021:

**June 7,2021- Flashpoint: A national crisis of anti-transgender violence: "I'm not safe anywhere."**

*DESCRIPTION-* Violence against the trans community is being called a national crisis. In Pennsylvania, the Human Rights Commission says lawmakers are ignoring bills that would help protect the LGBTQ community. This week, LGBTQ advocate Kendall Stephens describes the reality of the violence and hate facing transgender people of color, and Pennsylvania Director of the Human Rights Campaign Ryan Matthews explains why lawmakers in Harrisburg haven't made progress passing laws to fight violence against trans people. Flashpoint's newsmaker is Claudia Haddad, a voice of hope in the Philly trans community with the message that it's never too late to be yourself. And in the Philly Rising changemaker of the week presented by Patriot Homecare, Flashpoint opens the doors of the Valley Youth House, an organization dedicated to assisting kids who are rejected by their families and left with nowhere else to go. Flashpoint is sponsored by the Gift of Life Donor Program. Learn more about your ad choices. Visit [podcastchoices.com/adchoices](https://podcastchoices.com/adchoices)

**June 13<sup>th</sup>,2021-Flashpoint: Help wanted: Employers face stark challenges (and opportunities) recruiting**

*DESCRIPTION-* Is there a worker shortage? Or do folks just not want to work? This week's Flashpoint host and KYW Newsradio reporter Antionette Lee dives into the speculation as the jobs are coming back, but the workers are hard to find. Andrea Custis, President and CEO of the Urban League of Philadelphia and Michael Smi Robinson, Director of Community Outreach and Hiring for Temple University's Lenfest North Philadelphia Workforce Initiative discuss the challenges keeping people out of the workforce and what businesses are doing to get job seekers and employers through the door. This week's Newsmaker highlights Desiree' LaMarr- Murphy, a West Philadelphia native and lifetime educator. She's also the founder of Murphy's Giving Markets, a

community food pantry that gained national recognition as she fed hundreds of families from her own front porch during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Philly Rising Changemaker of the week presented by Patriot Homecare is Abena Timazee of Feng Shui Naturals, who pivoted her business during the pandemic to launch a 'first of its kind' eco- friendly- beauty truck, advocating the need for a more natural lifestyle and the use of natural products. Flashpoint is sponsored by the Gift of Life Donor Program. Learn more about your ad choices. Visit [podcastchoices.com/adchoices](https://podcastchoices.com/adchoices)

### **June 20<sup>th</sup>,2021 Flashpoint: Celebrating Juneteenth, and championing Black fatherhood and mental health**

*DESCRIPTION*-This week, Flashpoint discusses Juneteenth becoming a federal holiday. What does this mean for African Americans, and how did 2020's racial reckoning play a role in Juneteenth's emergence in American society? KYW's Shara Dae Howard speaks with Vashti Dubois, founder of The Colored Girls Museum in Germantown. It's also Father's Day weekend, and our panel talks about effective tools and strategies to champion Black fatherhood and promote the importance of men and dads taking care of their mental health. Joel Austin, the founder of Daddy University, Chimere Holmes of Be Ye Renewed Counseling, and Ihsan Hines of My Brother's Keeper Cares share their perspectives and experiences with Black fatherhood. The Philly Rising Changemaker of the week presented by Patriot Homecare is Black Men Heal, a local organization on a mission to provide access to mental health, education, and community resources to men of color, and remove the stigma surrounding Black men and their mental health. Flashpoint is sponsored by the Gift of Life Donor Program. Learn more about your ad choices. Visit [podcastchoices.com/adchoices](https://podcastchoices.com/adchoices)

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