

TELEVISION QUARTERLY ISSUES-PROGRAMS REPORT

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ISSUE/description: 4. ADOPTION: The critical need for adoptive families in our area.

How Issue was treated (Program, PSA, etc.):

<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time/Duration</u>	<u>Program type</u>	<u>Description</u>
1. Straughn & Company	11/08/09	11:30AM/30 minutes	Public Affairs	*

* The number of children in the foster care system has been steadily increasing, thus raising the need for adoptive families. Our guests today were Peggy Custred of Families First Network, and Cynthia Blacklaw, Executive Director of Children's Home Society. We discussed who these children were that are looking for "forever homes". Blacklaw said Children's Home Society works primarily in the private adoption area, where primarily younger couples or women who aren't able to have children are looking to adopt infants or very young children. Families First Network works with the state foster care system, usually with older children or hard-to-place children with medical or emotional problems. Each woman discussed the criteria they looked for in prospective adoptive parents.

2. Straughn & Company 02/24/08 09:00AM/30 minutes Public Affairs

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** This week's topic was Hospice and Alzheimer's Support Services. Our guests were Dale Knee, CEO of Covenant Hospice and Kristina Robison, Executive Director of Alzheimer's Family Services, plus Joyce Wilkerson, a caregiver for an Alzheimer's patient. There is a growing need for palliative care as America ages. More people are living longer and opt to age at home whenever possible. Hospice provides end-of-life care with dignity and a focus on pain control. Alzheimer's Services provides support for caregivers who often feel overwhelmed.

3. Straughn & Company 03/23/08 09:00AM/30 minutes Public Affairs

*** This week's topic was Senior Issues. Guests were John Clark, Executive Director of the Council on Aging of West Florida, and Denice Hair from the Social Security Administration. They discussed issues such as Elder Care...how to provide care for the aging "baby boomer" generation; the growing Medicaid budget, especially in Florida; and nursing home care. The Council on Aging provides a wide range of services to help seniors age in place and remain in their homes as long as possible. While funding cuts are a growing concern, private pay is available. Denice Hair said the Social Security Trust Fund will supposedly go insolvent in 2041. She encouraged seniors and others to save money, saying that Social Security was never intended to fully fund retirement, but only to supplement personal savings and an employer's pension plan. With seniors living longer, they're outliving their retirement funding, and both Clark and Hair feel the problem will get worse due to no personal savings and no job-related retirement plans. Hair also explained the requirement for seniors to fill out an income tax return in order to receive the federal Economic Stimulus Payment.