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Description of Regular Public Affairs Program

The regular public affairs programming schedule includes the weekly, Sunday broadcast of:

6:00 am **Community Convo's with KimmyB.**

Produced by WFLC / Cox Radio Miami 45Minutes

Community Convo's with KimmyB is a public affairs show which showcases discussions with the people, charities, and community organizations that work tirelessly to educate and benefit the people of South Florida. The show educates listeners on programs and services that are available to them, as well as highlighting those individuals and organizations that are reaching out and affecting change, and how our listeners can get involved in order to help make a difference in their community.

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Community Convo's with KimmyB – Children's Diagnostic Treatment Center Duration: 00:20:00 minutes

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Kindness

Duration: 0:45:00 minute

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July 22, 2018 6:00 a.m.

Community Convo's with KimmyB – Parkland Cares

Duration: 0:25:00 minute

Parkland Cares is a non-profit 501c3 organization that was set up in the aftermath of the tragic shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas on February 14, 2018. The mission of the organization is to provide long-term funding and awareness for the survivors of the MSD students, their families, and the community at large. Parkland Cares is designed to provide a centralized resource to help cope with tragedy. Parkland Cares is an easy way for people who need help to get connected with the community service providers that can help with crisis

counseling, intervention services, short and long-term therapy, trauma counseling and more by calling **954-740-MSD1** (6731).

TOPIC: The founders of Parkland Cares, Pam Aks, April Lewis, and Stacey Udine came in to discuss their reasons for creating the organization. We talked about the different experiences and reactions people had to the shooting, the issues facing their community as they try to put back the pieces, and the need for a long-term plan regarding mental and physical health and wellness following a tragedy of this magnitude. Parkland Cares was designed as an easy way for people who need help to get connected with the community service providers that can help with crisis counseling, intervention services, short and long-term therapy, trauma counseling and more by calling **954-740-MSD1 (6731)**.

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September 9, 2018 6:00 a.m.

Community Convo's with KimmyB – Florida Department of Health Tobacco Free Florida/Group Quit Program

Duration: 00:25:00 minutes

Tobacco Free Florida (TFF) launched in 2007.TFF is administered through the Florida Department of Health's Bureau of Tobacco Free Florida (BTFF), and funded by money derived from the state's tobacco settlement agreement with the major tobacco companies in 1997. TFF reaches millions of Floridians through hard-hitting media campaigns, public relations, social media, evidence-based tobacco cessation services, grassroots initiatives, county-level grants that advance tobacco-free policies, a youth-led movement called Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT), school-based interventions, and surveillance and evaluation to ensure effectiveness.

TOPIC: A counselor who with Tobacco Free Florida (TFF) Group Quit program in partnership with Nova Southeastern University came in to give some backstory on TFF, what types of services they supply, who is eligible to participate, and how people can take advantage of all TFF's FREE programs designed to help individuals quit tobacco. Her area of specialty is the Group Quit program, so we talked at length about the benefits of Group Quit, the difficulties and challenges many smokers face when trying to quit, and who to contact and where to go to sign up for Group Quit. We also discussed the ramifications of second hand smoke, and something we're seeing more of, which is third hand smoke, which primarily affects very young children and pets.

September 16, 2018 6:00 a.m.

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September 30, 2018 6:00 a.m.

Community Convo's with KimmyB – The Breanna Vergara Foundation Duration: 00:15:00 minutes

Alex Casanova, Treasurer of The Breanna Vergara Foundation, talks about the creation and work of the Breanna Vergara Foundation. The BVF is a relatively new 501c3 here in South Florida, but has already helped save the lives of 9 children, through its tireless work educating the community on the importance of EKG's for our children. The foundation has made it their mission to raise awareness about undetected heart conditions in children and the importance of EKG's for kids, especially those that are involved in any sort of athletic activities. They have also committed themselves to raising the funds necessary to not only help provide children with these EKG's, but also to help provide defibrillators to community centers, parks, organizations, and any other place where there could be an incident involving a child's heart.

TOPIC: The purpose of this interview was to help raise awareness about The Breanna Vergara Foundation and the great things they are doing in the community, as well as to help raise awareness about getting our children EKG's. Breanna Vergara was only 11 years old when she collapsed on the floor of her dance studio due to an undetected heart condition known as Wolff-Parkinson-White. There was no defibrillator on site and by the time Breanna reached the hospital she was pronounced dead. Within the first 6 months of her passing Breanna's parents and family had already set up the Breanna Vergara Foundation and have made it their mission to make sure no other family suffers the unnecessary loss of a child due to an undetected or underlying heart issue.

Education (9)

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CULTURE

September 2, 2018 6:00 a.m.

Community Convo's with KimmyB – Adrienne Arsht Center Arts Launch 2018 Duration: 00:30:00 minutes

Since opening in 2006, the Arsht Center, a 501c3 non-profit organization, has emerged as a leader in presenting innovative programming that mirrors South Florida's diversity as well as a catalyst for billions of dollars in new development in the downtown area. Spotlighting legends and serving as a launch pad for local artists to make their mark on the international stage, the Center presents nearly 500 events each year across its eight flexible, state-of-the-art performance spaces. The Center programs 12 signature series, including the largest jazz series in South Florida, the biggest flamenco festival on the East Coast, and a robust program of new theatrical works as well as free programming for the community and an arts education program that serves over 30,000 children every year.

Topic: VP of Marketing for the Arsht Center, Andrew Goldberg, came in to discuss Arts Launch 2018. Arts Launch is a free all day family event centered around celebrating and kicking off the new "Arts Season". The event brings together the entire arts community and includes a "community village" where different arts based organizations can spread the word about the services they provide, along with acting and dancing workshops, readings, signings, performances, shows, demonstrations, and tours of the Arsht facilities. Arts Launch is also the first chance for patrons to purchase tickets all upcoming shows, concerts, operas, special engagements, etc...

CIVIC (1)

July 22, 2018 6:00 a.m.

Community Convo's with KimmyB – F.I.U. Certificate Program on Construction

Trades

Duration: 00:15:00 minutes

The Certificate Program on Construction Trades is the result of a partnership between Florida International University and the Lennar Foundation. FIU is an urban public research university serving 56,000 students and a diverse county of 2.7 million people.

Topic: Dr. Jose Faria, Senior Instructor and Director of Industry Relations for the Moss School of Construction, Infrastructure and Sustainability, came in to discuss an amazing program being offered by FIU in partnership with the Lennar Foundation. The Certificate Program on Construction Trades is a free, 10-week certificate program that prepares workers for entry-level construction jobs in Miami. Upon completion, graduates will hold various certificates required for working in entry-level construction jobs in Miami. Dr. Faria was able to highlight the growing need for qualified construction workers and tradesmen and tradeswomen here in South Florida, and provided our listeners with valuable information on how they can take advantage of this free program.

September 30, 2018 6:20 a.m.

Community Convo's with KimmyB - U.S. Army

Duration: 00:30:00 minutes

The Army is the largest military branch in the United States. Its job is to protect the country and its citizens. Today, the Army is made up of more than 700,000 Soldiers, including active duty and Army reserve personnel. Army Soldiers fill many roles. They are doctors, lawyers, and engineers; they are electricians, computer programmers and helicopter pilots; they are police officers, logistics experts and civil affair representatives. The Army's constant need for a diverse range of individual Soldiers, each with his or her own expertise is what sets it apart from other military branches. And it has an arts education program that serves over 30,000 children every year.

Topic: Active Duty Soldiers Sgt. Rodriguez and Specialist Cleare came in to discuss their experiences with the U.S. Army. We talked about the reasons why they joined, the extensive opportunities afforded them regarding education, real world experience, and on the job training, as well as character building and lifelong friendships. Sgt. Rodriguez is a recruitment specialist, so he spoke about the recruitment process,

common misconceptions and questions, along with the different levels of service. Specialist Cleare, who is from South Florida, works in communications for the U.S. Army and enlisted right out of high school. He discussed why knowing ALL your options as a graduating senior is so important and how serving has opened up so many doors and exposed him to so many things he wouldn't have otherwise experienced at such a young age.

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August 12, 2018 6:00 a.m. Community Convo's with KimmyB – Adrienne Arsht Center Arts Launch 2018 Duration: 00:30:00 minutes

Since opening in 2006, the Arsht Center, a 501c3 non-profit organization, has emerged as a leader in presenting innovative programming that mirrors South Florida's diversity as well as a catalyst for billions of dollars in new development in the downtown area. Spotlighting legends and serving as a launch pad for local artists to make their mark on the international stage, the Center presents nearly 500 events each year across its eight flexible, state-of-the-art performance spaces. The Center programs 12 signature series, including the largest jazz series in South Florida, the biggest flamenco festival on the East Coast, and a robust program of new theatrical works as well as free programming for the community and an arts education program that serves over 30,000 children every year.

Topic: VP of Marketing for the Arsht Center, Andrew Goldberg, came in to discuss Arts Launch 2018. Arts Launch is a free all-day family event centered around celebrating and kicking off the new "Arts Season". The event brings together the entire arts community and includes a "community village" where different arts based organizations can spread the word about the services they provide, along with acting and dancing workshops, readings, signings, performances, shows, demonstrations, and tours of the Arsht facilities. Arts Launch is also the first chance for patrons to purchase tickets all upcoming shows, concerts, operas, special engagements, etc...

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