

WNWO-TV

QUARTERLY REPORT OF PROGRAMMING ISSUES OF COMMUNITY IMPORTANCE

For The Period

January 1 – March 31, 2007

FIRST QUARTER 2007

DESCRIPTION OF WNWO(TV) PROGRAMS THAT DEAL WITH COMMUNITY ISSUES

<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Local News		
NBC24 Today	Monday through Friday	4:56 – 7:00am
NBC24 at Five	Monday through Friday	5:00 - 6:00pm
NBC24 at Six	Monday through Sunday	6:00 – 6:30pm
NBC24 Tonight	Monday through Sunday	11:00 – 11:35pm
NBC24 Saturday at Six	Saturday	6:00 – 6:30p.m.
NBC24 Saturday at Seven	Saturday	7:00 – 7:30p.m.
NBC24 Sunday at Six	Sunday	6:00 – 630 p.m.

All of the above programs are locally produced news programs presenting a mix of news, weather and sports, including issue-responsive and multi-part segments.

Dateline NBC

Fridays	8:00pm
Sundays	7:00pm

This is an NBC network program often featuring investigative reporting on controversial issues facing the American public. The program usually has multiple segments, 8-12 minutes in duration.

Meet The Press Sundays 11:00am

This NBC News interview program usually has one or more guests being questioned about subjects in the news by moderator Tim Russert and other reporters.

NBC News Today Monday through Friday 7:00 – 10:00am

These NBC network news programs offer a mix of news, weather and features, including interviews and in-depth reports on issues of current concern.

NBC Nightly News Monday through Sunday 6:30 – 7:00pm

This NBC network news program provides a roundup of the day's major news events, as well as in-depth reports on issues of public concern.

Fugitive of the Week Tuesday 11:00p,

NBC24 in an exclusive agreement with the Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force, profiles the Fugitive of the Week. Our exclusive partnership has resulted in the arrest of 57 fugitives through December 31, 2006

Tech Tuesday Tuesday 5:00pm

NBC24 Anchor, Jim Blue, explores the latest technological gadgets --- Some for fun and some to protect. Jim Blue uses local experts to tell these stories. It airs every Tuesday.

Public Service Announcements

Varying length announcements (:10, :15, :20, :30 and :60) that air throughout the station's broadcast day about issues of community interest.

PROGRAMMING DEALING WITH THE FOLLOWING COMMUNITY ISSUES:

COMMUNITY JANUARY 1 – MARCH 31, 2007

January 31, 2007

Community Comes to Rescue of Elderly Couple

Aaron Brilbeck / Package / 3:00 / Live Remote

An outpouring of help for an elderly West Toledo couple after the city labeled their home a health hazard and a public nuisance. NBC24 first told the story on January 29, 2007 about the Fletchers. The elderly couple works hard to keep their home nice but was shocked when the city sent them a threatening letter because their fire wood was neatly stacked on the ground behind their home instead of on concrete or an 18-inch riser. Since the story aired, NBC24 has been flooded with e-mails and calls from people wanting to help the Fletchers. Our cameras were with the Fletchers when volunteers from the Cedar Creek Church showed up and surprised the Fletchers with a wood stand.

February / March 2007

Bluffton Bus Tragedy

Multiple Stories / Multiple Packages / Various Lengths / Multiple Live Remotes

The community of Bluffton, including Bluffton University went into mourning after a bus carrying the school's baseball team tumbled over the side of an Atlanta, GA highway overpass and slammed onto the pavement 30 feet below, killing five students, the driver and his wife. NBC24 provided continuing coverage of this tragedy including numerous fund-raising events, candlelight vigils, injury updates, and the team's first game on March 30, 2007 following the tragic crash

February / March 2007

Death of Toledo Police Detective Keith Dressel

Multiple Stories / Multiple Packages / Various Lengths / Multiple Live Remotes

On February 21, 2007, Toledo police detective Keith Dressel became the first Toledo police officer to be killed in the line of duty in 37 years. NBC24 provided continuous coverage of the tragedy including community support for the Dressel family. NBC24 provided information on numerous fund-raisers and donation points to help the Dressel family.

March 2007

North Toledo Block Watch

Multiple Stories / Multiple Packages / Various Lengths / Multiple Live Remotes

Following the murder of Toledo police detective, Keith Dressel, a North Toledo neighborhood tried to take back their streets. The area previously had a block watch program, but it disbanded because there was not enough interest or volunteers. As NBC24 news first reported, it took a detective's death to get a new group up and running.

March 2007

BGSU Women Falcons Basketball Team in NCAA Tourney

Multiple Stories / Multiple Packages / Various Lengths / Multiple Live Remotes

In March 2007, the Bowling Green State University Women's basketball team became the first Mid-American Women's basketball team to make it to the "Sweet-16" in NCAA tournament play. NBC24 provided continuous coverage which included following the team to Greensboro, NC, the site of the tournament. NBC24 also covered campus and community support in Bowling Green, as well as a special civic recognition when the team returned.

COMMUNITY (CON'T)
JANUARY 1 – MARCH 31, 2007

January 1, 2007

Montel Williams

Today's show is about all the unsung heroes, those everyday people who faced dangerous situations and rose to the challenge. Today's show you will hear stories of different people who were there to save someone else's life. This show's purpose is to give credit to these unsung heroes, hopefully inspiring our viewers to become heroes themselves.

January 23, 2007

Montel Williams

In 2004 and 2005, Charming Shoppes Inc., honored women who were making a difference in their communities with the "Voices" contest. Each year, from the thousands of nominations received across the country, five women are chosen to receive grants toward their charitable organizations. This year Charming Shoppes has chosen five lucky winners from the essays they have received. The five ladies were surprised with a \$20,000 grant from Charming Shoppes to further their work in their communities. The Grand Prize winner will be presented with a 2007 Hyundai Entourage.

Public Service Announcements

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EDUCATION
JANUARY 1 – MARCH 31, 2007

January 18, 2007

New Robinson Middle School Dedication

VOSOT /:45

On January 18, 2007, the new Robinson Middle School was officially dedicated at 9 a.m. at 1075 Horace St. Students, faculty, and TPS school board members took part of the dedication. The school's bell choir also performed. Students and faculty started to move from the old Robinson Junior High, 1007 Grand Ave., to its new location a block north over the December break. The state-of-the-art Toledo Public Schools middle school is part of the on-going building for success program started by former TPS superintendent Dr. Eugene Sanders. The TPS building for success program calls for 18 new schools to be built by 2011.

January 31, 2007

City Wants Cut Crossing Guard Funding

Aaron Brillbeck / Package / 1:45 / Live Remote

With a \$12 million budget deficit looming, Toledo lawmakers are making cuts that some critics say could put children's lives at risk. The city wants to cut \$600,000 from the budget that goes to fund 60 crossing guards for the Toledo Public Schools. The mayor says the city is too far in debt and it's time to let the school district pay for the crossing guards---or do away with them all together.

January / February 2007

Toledo Public Schools Search for New Superintendent

Multiple Stories / Multiple Packages / Various Lengths / Multiple Live Remotes

After months of interviews, the Toledo Public School board made its choice for the next superintendent. Board members tapped Dr. William Harner out of Philadelphia. The announcement came on February 20, 2007 after two hours of closed-door deliberations by school board members. When the word came down, many people in the audience were clearly surprised by the decision. The board members' choice of Dr. Harner seems to signal a new direction for Toledo Public Schools. Dr. William Harner was the board's unanimous choice for superintendent.

February 9, 2007

Toledo Cracking Down on Truancy

Rob Packard / Package / 1:45 / Live Remote

The city of Toledo is cracking down on kids skipping class. Police are stepping up patrols searching everywhere - even the libraries - for truants. Police busted 23 kids skipping school on Wednesday and Thursday. They're starting weekly truancy sweeps to increase attendance. Mayor Carty Finkbeiner says it's an issue that hits close to home. "I had personal experience. My oldest daughter found it could be done, she and her boyfriend enjoyed a few hours away at the school they were attending," Mayor Finkbeiner said. Police are questioning kids to make sure they have legitimate excuses to miss class. Truancy arrests were up almost 20 percent last year.

March 29, 2007

School-To-Work Program

Kylie Conway / Package / 2:00

The IBEW's Toledo Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee travels to seven area vocational Schools to teach students about its Apprenticeship Program. It's something these students can start immediately in IBEW Local 8's "School to Work" program and it turned Matt Dearth's life completely around. Dearth had become disinterested in school and doubted the value of his education. He needed inspiration. "It's a good job and wage and something to better yourself with. When you learn a skilled trade you can't take that away," he said. JATC provides a "School to Work" program. Every other week, high school seniors work 40-hours a week for hands-on electrical training. "And hopefully that way they can then make a more informed career decision," said JATC Training Director, David Wellington. This gave Dearth just the inspiration that he was looking for.

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GOVERNMENT
JANUARY 1 – MARCH 31, 2007

January 3, 2007

Lucas County Gets Mediocre Grade for Emergency Preparedness

Aaron Brillbeck / Package / 2:00 / Live Remote

A Department of Homeland Security report finds Lucas County is behind in adopting an advanced emergency communication system. In a report, the government says only six U.S. cities, including Columbus, have fully implemented advanced emergency communications systems. The Department of Homeland Security ranked 75 metropolitan areas for how well emergency agencies can communicate during a disaster. Toledo finished just barely ahead of Cleveland which was in the bottom six.

January 2007

Carty Finkbeiner Incident at Ottawa County Jail

Multiple Stories / Multiple Packages / Various Lengths

Ottawa County Sheriff Robert Bratton released documentation on two December 2006 incidents involving Toledo Mayor Carty Finkbeiner and his wife at the Ottawa County Jail. According to documents faxed to NBC24 has received from Sheriff Bratton's office, Mayor Finkbeiner says that on Dec. 23 he and his wife were "treated less professionally that I believe we deserve." In a letter dated Jan. 2, 2007, Mayor Finkbeiner says his wife was denied access to the county jail's women's restroom during visiting hours. Then on Dec. 30 the mayor was denied a visit with his stepson, even though Mr. Finkbeiner arrived at the jail an estimated 28 minutes before visiting hours ended. In the letter Mayor Finkbeiner says the Ottawa County Jail staff was rude and arrogant. "Having been in public office for almost two decades, I recognize governmental arrogance when I see it," Mr. Finkbeiner stated in the letter to Sheriff Bratton. "I think less of the Port Clinton minimum-security system as a result of the rudeness and governmental arrogance displayed to first my wife, then me." In seven of the nine pages faxed to NBC24, Sheriff Bratton and his staff provide documentation in response to the December 2006 incidents with Mr. and Mrs. Finkbeiner. Sheriff Bratton says he has found no wrong doing.

January – March 2007

City of Toledo Budget Battle

Multiple Stories / Multiple Packages / Various Lengths / Multiple Live Remotes

During the first quarter 2007, NBC24 provided continuous coverage of the city of Toledo's budget battle. The city was looking at a projected \$12 million shortfall in 2007 and an anticipated \$17 million dollar deficit in 2008. Coverage included a trash collection fee, cutting school crossing guards, laying police, fire, and other city workers, as well as a reduction in some city services. The budget was passed according to state law before the March 31, 2007 deadline. It was passed on March 30, 2007, after two days of final city council hearings.

February 28, 2007

Iraq War Protesters Stage Sit-in

VOSOT /:45

War protestors stage a "sit-in" claiming it's the only way people will pay attention to their message to end the war. Nearly a dozen people took their message to the street in front of One Government Center on Wednesday, but three other protestors decided to take a stand inside the Ohio building -- which landed them in handcuffs. Police say the three people, ranging in age from 61 to 78 years old, were blocking elevators, trying to send a message to Senator George Voinovich to end funding for the Iraq war. One protestor says she's doing it at the request of her son---a sailor serving his second tour in the mid-east.

March 14, 2007

Officials: Ohio Emergency Planning Still Falls Short

VOSOT /:45

Emergency and health care officials from around Ohio say the state still isn't completely ready to handle a crisis on the level of a bioterrorist attack or flu pandemic. Meeting in Columbus Tuesday, they said gaps remain, such as the lack of a single overseer to coordinate among state and local agencies and hospitals.

The director of emergency preparedness for the Ohio Hospitals Association says one agency should be named the leader to develop an overall plan and performance standards for emergency service providers, hospitals and local governments. The officials brought together by the American College of Emergency Physicians plan to draw up recommendations for Ohio lawmakers.

GOVERNMENT (CON'T)
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January 25, 2007

Montel Williams

Montel continues to bring viewers more of his visit with the brave men and women fighting for our freedom in the Persian Gulf. He will take us along as he tours one of the largest aircraft carriers in the world, the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower and sees just what these sailors do on a daily basis. He introduced us to one of the 600 women on board the Eisenhower to see how she handles the challenges of being a woman at sea. Montel's tour of the North Arabian Gulf brings him to the Ocean 6 Barge, home of a group of soldiers protecting two oil platforms responsible for pumping out the majority of Iraq's oil supply.

February 22, 2007

Montel Williams

Although we may not see daily images on the news of Klan members, lynching's, or segregation in our schools, racism and hatred is very much alive in our nation. Every year, thousands of Americans come under attack because of their race, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, religion or even a disability.

March 25, 2007

Dateline

Ironically, September 2006 was food safety month, yet during that time four people died and more than 200 were sickened in 26 states from e-coli in bagged spinach, leaving many to wonder how safe is today's produce? Dateline's Victoria Corderi investigates the situation in a report that features volunteers eating e-coli-contaminated spinach to prove that their technology works, and could solve the e-coli in produce problem.

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LEADERSHIP
JANUARY 1 – MARCH 31, 2007

January 3, 2007

Former Toledo Mayor Harry Kessler Passes Away at Age 79

VOSOT /:60

Former Toledo Mayor Harry Kessler, the city's 54th mayor, has died. He was 79. Mr. Kessler died peacefully at Hospice of Northwest Ohio's Perrysburg facility Tuesday evening. Mr. Kessler, mayor from 1971-77, led the city's development of its riverfront and downtown. "Mayor Kessler was the truest example of unselfish giving and public leadership in my lifetime," said current Toledo mayor Carty Finkbeiner. "He was a great mayor. Then he was an excellent Toledo Public School Board member. Then he was a superb Toledo-Lucas County Library Board member. "He did each of the above, not for fame or fortune, but because he wanted to make a positive difference, and he did," Mayor Finkbeiner adds. "Harry Kessler was a consensus builder. He brought together business and labor, Republicans and Democrats and various people of differing opinions to improve Toledo."

January 4, 2007

VOSOT /:40

The Toledo School Board named Deborah Barnett as its new president, succeeding Darlene Fisher whose one-year term expired, a TPS spokesperson said. The change came at Thursday's school board meeting. Steve Still was named Vice President of the school board. The TPS spokesperson said Barnett made the entire board sign an agreement to try and unify the board. "There is an effort of solidarity, to show some unity and an effort to work together," said Patty Mazur, Public Information Officer for Toledo Public Schools. She said the board also started a new committee. The Community and Public Relations Committee will be aimed at promoting school issues. The board also took action to name representatives to sit on state committees that Toledo Public Schools must be a part of. There were also changes on internal committees within Toledo Public Schools.

January – March 2007

Toledo Fire Chief Mike Bell Retires / Job Search

Multiple Stories / Multiple Packages / Various Lengths / Multiple Live Remotes

On January 24, 2007, NBC24 learned that Toledo Fire Chief Mike Bell was going to retire on March 31, 2007. NBC24 covered the announcement, other job searches in Washington D.C. and San Antonio, TX, as well as his last day on the job on March 31, 2007.

January 25, 2007

Don Edwards, Legendary Toledo Newsman Dies

VOSOT /:45

Jim Tichy / Editorial – "A View from the Dome / 2:00

Donovan Edwards, 82, beloved husband, father and grandfather, and often called the "dean of Toledo broadcast journalists," died January 25, 2007 peacefully at home with his beloved wife and family at his bedside. Don's award-winning 36 year career on Toledo television and radio began in 1962 when he joined WTOL-TV as a television anchor and became the first Toledo newscaster to anchor a live color broadcast. In 1973 he moved to morning radio with WSPD and later with WCWA and WWWW. He returned to television in 1990 as the news anchor for WNWO-TV. He retired from broadcasting in 1996. Authoritative, credible and respected, he set a standard for broadcast newsroom professionalism that continues to be mirrored in the efforts of writers, producers and on-air talent.

January 25, 2007

Rev. Jesse Jackson Makes Stop at BGSU

Aaron Brillbeck / Package / 2:00 / Live Remote

The Reverend Jesse Jackson stopped at Bowling Green State University Thursday, talking about everything from race relations, to politics, to education, the Iraq war, and even football. About the only thing he wouldn't take a stand on --- who he backs for president in 2008. This wasn't the normal Jesse Jackson we've seen in the past. This was a more subdued, mellower Jesse Jackson. But his message packed quite a punch with B.G.S.U. students. There was no shouting and no pounding fists. Just a friendly conversation between Jackson and a few hundred college students. His message --- bridge the widening gap between the rich and the poor. "Money is making money," he said. "We saw ten billion dollars given on Wall Street in bonuses this year while we lost three million manufacturing jobs. And 50-million were without health insurance."

LEADERSHIP (CON'T)
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March 5, 2007

Stan Joplin Named Coach of the Year

Jim Tichy / Package / 1:30

Head Coach Stan Joplin has been named Mid-American Conference Coach of the Year this season for the first time in his 11-year-tenure with the Rockets. The award was voted on by the MAC News Media Association. The last UT coach to win the award was Bob Nichols in 1980. "Being named MAC Coach of the Year is a very nice honor and I want to thank the MAC News Media Association for it," Joplin said. "We've had a great season and I believe this award is a nice tribute for our program and all the hard work that our players and coaching staff have put in. We've been able to reach half of our goals this season, but we still have two more left to accomplish." The Rockets captured the school's first regular-season conference title for the first time since 1979-80.

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YOUTH
JANUARY 1 – MARCH 31, 2007

February – March 2007

Robert Jobe – Accused of Killing Toledo Police Officer Keith Dressel

Multiple Stories / Multiple Packages / Various Lengths / Multiple Live Remotes

Following the murder of Toledo police detective, Keith Dressel, NBC24 did several stories on the 15-year old suspect, Robert Jobe, and his 18-year-old accomplice, Sherman Powell. NBC24 investigated Jobe's criminal history, gang involvement and continuously covered his court appearances. At the end of the first quarter of 2007, a decision on whether or not to try Jobe as an adult for the murder has yet to be made.

February 2007

Little Aubree Has First Surgery

Andrea Mock / Multiple Packages / Various Lengths

(Toledo, OH, and Chicago) -- A long day has come to an end for Christie Weidner and her daughter, Aubree. The first in what will be 20 years of surgeries is behind them. Last week, Christie and Aubree traveled to the Shriners Children's Hospital in Chicago for her first surgery in the long process of repairing her cleft lip and palate. For this young mother, facing the unknown was overwhelming.

"I didn't know what she was going through or the pain she'd be in after surgery," Christie tells NBC24. "I didn't know what to expect. It was nerve racking the entire time." The hours passed by and finally good news came from the doctors. The surgery was a success. But seeing her daughter in pain was devastating for Christie. "I felt like there was nothing I could do," she says. "She couldn't tell me what's wrong or what hurt." Just hours after the procedure, Aubree's new face is emerging. "I didn't know what to say when I saw her. She looked so different. She looked amazing and beautiful." Today this star patient is at home recovering and back to her old smiles again. But the next surgery is never too far off.

"I know she has 18-20 years of surgery," Christie says. "But we're taking it step by step and day by day."

Aubree will return to the Chicago area hospital in the next few days for a follow-up.

February 10, 2007

Boy Scouts Determined to Learn and Have Fun

Kylie Conway / Package / 1:30

Despite the cold, local boy scouts headed to Camp Miakonda for their annual "Calamity Klondike" retreat. Each year boy scouts from different troops race hand-carved sleds. This year about 150 scouts from 12 different troops competed, but there was a special twist to the competition. "The bigger picture is we are doing an emergency preparedness merit badge. It's a really tough one to earn," said Scout Master of Troop 87, Jim Layman. This year the troops loaded each sled with 100 pounds. The extra baggage was symbolizing medical supplies. The scouts had to deliver the supplies to a fictitious plane crash. "I learned you need to be very strong to push a sled with supplies up the steepest mountain I have ever seen!" said Boy Scout, James Thompson. Along with the sled race the boys witnessed a Life Flight helicopter land, saw a hovercraft demonstration and received lessons from local fire and police departments. They were also visited by a canine rescue team. This year Camp Miakonda celebrates 90 years of serving the youth of Northwest Ohio.

March 21, 2007

Police Bust Huge Underage Party

Kylie Conway / Package / 1:45

In Sylvania Township, police busted 50 teenagers at a huge underage drinking party that involved five kegs. The party was to honor the local Catholic youth organization basketball team for winning its district tournament. 24-year old David Kohsl... his roommates Matthew Bolandon, Eric Tippon, and the boy's assistant basketball coach threw the party. The team had students from prominent high schools including Notre Dame Academy and St. John's Jesuit. Police say 29 of the teens arrested were minor. Police also confiscated marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Teenagers are facing charges including underage drinking. The adults face charges of contributing to a minor and illegal sales of alcohol.

YOUTH (CON'T)
JANUARY 1 – MARCH 31, 2007

March 21, 2007

Police Warning "Tagged" Predator's Playground

Rob Packard / Package / 2:00

Toledo Police are warning that the web site Tagged dot com could be a new playground for online predators. Computer Crimes in Toledo were alerted to the site after a local elementary school girl, Danisha Macklin, 12, vanished with a 17 year old she met on the social networking site. The two left the Toledo area for three days before police found them together in Lima. Computer crimes investigators in Toledo are now taking a closer look at the site. NBC 24 examined the site and uncovered pictures of elementary school age kids in suggestive poses, some even wearing nothing but underwear. Several profiles, both young and old, had sexually graphic images. "What really bothers me is, I think there's going to be more problems than we know what to do with after kids get on these sites," said Lt. Met Stachura, Toledo Police Computer Crimes Unit. "We had a young girl missing this week, who met somebody on the Internet. That disturbs us."

January 8, 2007

Montel Williams

Francesca was diagnosed with a rare and deadly skin disease. After enduring years of pain, she has used her experience to help kids who suffer with skin diseases, and has created, "Camp Wonder", a place for them to have fun and not feel so self-conscious about their appearance. Carlena, who was a cheerleader and a gymnast, had her life changed one fateful day after she was paralyzed in a drunken driving accident. Today, she has accomplished more than most that aren't in a wheelchair. She not only married the love of her life, but also learned to skydive, ski and even fly a plane herself.

January 11, 2007

Montel Williams

Jesse and Danny, who were touched by an episode they saw on Montel about a girl donating her hair to the Locks for Love organization, which makes wigs for kids who have lost their hair due to an illness or disease. Jesse saw the show when he was only fourteen and grew his hair out for four years before he cut it for Locks for Love. His younger brother, Danny, two years ago, decided to do the same thing. He cut his hair onstage for Locks of Love.

January 12, 2007

Montel Williams

Today's show we will meet brave kids and teens who have escaped kidnappers and attackers. They share their heroic stories and give other kids and parents helpful safety tips. Bryan Cranston discussed his abduction prevention DVD called Kidsmartz. Bryan donates half the proceeds from sales of his DVD to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Stephanie, who won the National Courage Award last May for her bravery in fighting off her abductor, a knife wielding rapist. Mesha a 12-year-old girl escaped abduction at her bus stop by using her kickboxing skills to escape from the trunk of her abductors car.

February 9, 2007

Montel Williams

Exceptional teens are making a difference by giving back, speaking out, and helping others. Francesca was just 17 when she decided to make a documentary about the homeless in her community living along the banks of the Ohio River. The film "On the River's Edge", took 7 months to complete, and earned rave reviews in her community. Proceeds from the film went to organizations like the Coalition for the Homeless.

February 16, 2007

Montel Williams

Why is MySpace so popular especially among teens? Is it harmless or should parents be worried about what's on their kid's MySpace page? How do you keep your kids safe from online predators? These are the questions we'll be answering today.

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FAMILY
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January 2, 2007

Family Searches for Answers in Death of Female Inmate

Aaron Brillbeck / Package / 2:00

Scathing accusations from the family of a woman who died in a local jail. They claim deputies ignored her pleas for help and the sheriff himself tried to destroy the body to protect his officers. Yolanda Flores died two weeks ago in the Lenawee County jail. Her family believes deputies refused to give Flores, a 45-year old diabetic, her insulin. And the family's attorney says other inmates back that claim. The sheriff didn't want to go on camera, but insists Flores was given the insulin. The county and the Flores family have conducted separate autopsies. We'll let you know the findings.

January 3, 2007

In Harm's Way: 180th Members Headed to Iraq

Matt Trezza / Package / 2:30 / Live Remote

Over 40 airmen of the 180th Fighter Wing Civil Engineering Squadron said goodbye to their families Wednesday as they prepared for deployment to Iraq. The members of Toledo's Air National Guard Unit will help maintain U. S. facilities.

NBC24 was on-hand for the emotional ceremony. This will be the longest deployment that this many members of the 180th Fighter Wing will have seen, in the Iraq war. Wednesday, their families had the chance to give them a proper send-off. Tears of sadness mixed with tears of pride, as families said goodbye to their husbands and wives, headed for Baghdad. Tech. Sgt. T.W. Churchill, is leaving his wife and 16-month-old daughter. "I don't know what to expect," TSgt Churchill tells NBC24. "I'm looking forward to seeing all the structures, and history. It will be really neat to be part of everything over there." Forty members of the Civil Engineering Squadron will be deployed near Baghdad for up to six months.

January 5, 2007

Families Gather on Tenth Anniversary of Fatal Comair Flight

Aaron Brillbeck / Package / 3:00

Ten years have passed since a Comair jet crash seared the souls of family members and friends of victims and spread pain and grief across Monroe County. Many of those affected will convene Tuesday at the memorial to remember 26 passengers and three crew members who died. Flight 3272 from Cincinnati / Northern Kentucky Airport was nearing Detroit Metropolitan Airport on the afternoon of Jan. 9, 1997, in a blinding snowstorm and bitter cold, pilot Dann Carlsen was beginning to maneuver the commuter jet to an approach pattern. The aircraft wasn't responding properly. With ice-encased wings, the plane nose-dived into a field close to a former church camp in Raisinville Township, near Monroe. The memorial is at Roselawn Memorial Park. "It's basically to bring everyone together and honor the ones that they lost," said Arlene Miasel, Carlsen's mother and a resident of Prior Lake, Minn. "I just want to make sure - because my son would have wanted it - to make sure that everyone is doing fine and let them know that I'm there for them," she said. "I want the volunteers who were at the crash - the fire department, the sheriff's department or whoever - to feel that they could come, too," Miasel said. "A lot of family members had questions about why the plane had the icing, and he might make them understand a little more of what happened," Miasel said. The National Transportation Safety Board determined that ice on the wings of the twin-engine Embraer EMB-120 plane caused the crash. More than 25 wrongful-death lawsuits were filed against Comair, based near Cincinnati in Erlanger, Ky., and Embraer after the crash. Settlements paid by the two companies amounted to nearly \$100 million.

FAMILY (CON'T)
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January 17, 2007

Toledo Man Supports Family by Scrapping For a Living

Matt Trezza / Package / 1:30

A high-profile sting by Toledo police has shed light on the way some people in the glass city make money by finding and selling scrap metal. When you put trash out on your curb, the law says it's fair game for anyone who wants to come along and take it for themselves. Now, most trash, to be sure, just gets picked up by sanitation crews. But put out an old bed-frame, microwave or refrigerator, and odds are good that someone will sell it for scrap. All that glitters may not be gold, but if it's copper, brass, iron, steel or aluminum, that's nearly as good for people like Rob Alford. "I do what I do, he says." "I drive up and down the street, if I find stuff, I find it." The price of metal is getting more expensive and more worthwhile for him to sell at scrap yards. "On a daily basis I can make \$40-50," he says.

Alford goes to work when most are just getting home, because that's when they put out the trash.

He can't work his old job as a mechanic, because of back and leg injuries. Selling scrap helps pay for his medications. "I go Mondays around 5," he says, "to until about 9 or 10 at night. I work until I get a truckload. If I don't find anything I go home empty handed." When he collects his load, Alford brings it to Omni Source in North Toledo. There, they verify his ID, and weigh and record his haul, then pay him for the total. The Omni Source staff says when a company purchases stolen metal for scrap; it gives them all a bad name. On Monday another Toledo scrap yard was busted in an undercover sting. The owner and his son hauled away in cuffs. Omni Source staff says they'd much prefer to have honest customers, many of whom become almost family. "I've been here for 25 years," says Jeff Grunberg, Omni Source manager. "I've been seeing some of the same people for 25 years." Toledo police say almost every day they field reports of stolen metal, taken from homes and construction sites. Metal that thieves are trying to sell for scrap.

February 1, 2007

Steiner Family Benefit Dinner

Kylie Conway / Package / 2:00

In Toledo, OH, a three-year old boy and his family need your help to get them through the next year.

Last year the Steiners spent \$2,000 on their son, Braeden's, medical costs. This year they expect that to go up at least by 5 times. The Steiners are making it easy and enjoyable for you to help. On February 17 there was an Italian dinner served to benefit the family in order to help with their outrageous medical expenses. Braeden is undergoing 60 weeks of chemotherapy, blood tests and MRI's to keep a benign brain tumor from getting any bigger. Three-year-old, Braeden Steiner, has Neurofibromatosis --- A disease that causes tumors to develop in the body. Jodie and her other 11-month-old son, Bronson also have the disease. But, they don't have any symptoms. Braeden also has Congenital Pseudoarthrosis of the left tibia. His leg is fragile and could break easily. He wears a brace to keep it from breaking until he is finished growing. Recently Chau Steiner, Braeden's father, had a change in his insurance policy. Last year the Steiners paid out of their pocket about two grand on medical bills

January 2, 2007

Montel Williams

Most people's traditional image of a family consists of a husband, a wife, two-and-a-half children, the family dog, and a house in the suburbs with a white picket fence. Times have changed, and so has the definition of a family. Families now come in all shapes and sizes and today we're going to meet three of the most unique ones - from a husband and wife with 16 biological children, to a woman who had a set of triplets, born 13 years apart. Jim and Michelle's family consists of 16 children, ranging from Josh who is 18 years old to Johanna who is less than 2 years old. Michelle has spent over 10 years of her life pregnant, with the average time between her births being only 18 months apart.

January 5, 2007

Montel Williams

Thousands of women suffer with infertility issues. For some of these individuals, the thought of never conceiving a child so unbearable that they are willing to risk their health, family and finances for a chance at motherhood. The costs are high, as the average price of a baby conceived through assisted reproduction in the United States is \$58,000. One woman spent \$350,000 on fertility treatments and another conceived a child after a procedure called Cytoplasmic Transfer.

February 1, 2007

Montel Williams

Approximately 15 million Americans are addicted to prescription medications. The most abused prescription medications are painkillers like Vicodin, Lortab, Percocet and OxyContin. Because these drugs are legal the number of people addicted are significantly on the rise, today's show tells how legal prescription medications have changed their lives from lively and active people to struggling everyday with life.

FAMILY (CON'T)
JANUARY 1 – MARCH 31, 2007

February 5, 2007

Montel Williams

Why would some people prey on couples who are unable to have a child of their own just to make a profit? Adoption scamming is currently a huge business, making the world of adoption very difficult to understand. This show will help adoptive parents navigate this world and hopefully avoid being scammed.

Public Service Announcements

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ECONOMY
JANUARY 1 – MARCH 31, 2007

January 18, 2007

Gas Prices: How Low Will They Go?

Rob Packard / Package / 1:45 / Live Remote

Crude oil prices hovered around \$51 a barrel, and that's a good sign for American motorists. It is the lowest gas prices in the Toledo area in a year-and-a-half, officials said. The lowest gas price was \$1.74 at a Gas and Go at Cherry and Bancroft. Several other area stations had prices under \$1.80. The prices represent a twenty month low, but industry experts say there are no guarantees the recent price breaks at pump will last.

March 7, 2007

COSI's 10th Anniversary Could be the Last

Rob Packard / Package / 1:30 / Live Remote

Happy Birthday COSI! The hands on children's science museum is celebrating 10 years in Toledo, but serious questions linger over whether this will be the museum's last year of life. In honor of its 10th anniversary, folks can get in for free on Saturday, March 10th, but the science museum still needs a giant gift to stay open. Last November, voters turned down a funding request and officials planned to shut down the start of this year. They only managed to stay open after people and foundations donated nearly a half million dollars. This anniversary could be its last, when money runs out at the end of this year. Its future could depend on a "do or die" vote this November. David Waterman, incoming COSI chairman, "We expect to go back to the voters in November, because we feel we have no option we have to get that eventually. If we try a second time and fail, we have no choice but to close." "The situation is grave at COSI for its continuance. Members of the community stepped up after the levy was barely defeated in November and managed to get it through to this next November," says Pete Gerken, Lucas County Commissioner. Officials are still deciding whether to go back to voters. COSI was just named "Best Science Museum in America" by Child magazine.

March 22, 2007

Gov. Strickland Slashes Sexual Abstinence Program

Rob Packard / Package / 1:30

Gov. Strickland wants to drop support for sexual abstinence programs. The governor says he's seen no evidence that they prevent teenagers from engaging in premarital sex. Strickland has no plans to reapply for federal money for the programs, and the two-year budget he presented last week eliminates the state's usual \$500,000 dollars in matching funds. About 20-percent of all births in Lucas County are to teenage mothers.

Week of March 26, 2007

Erie Street Market Investigation

Aaron Brillbeck / Multiple Packages / Various Lengths / Live Remotes

This Week, an NBC 24 investigation revealed the Eric Street Market is losing money, not making a profit as Mayor Carty Finkbeiner had insisted. The mayor now admits the market is in the red, but just how far in the red is anyone's guess. Even the city auditor isn't sure how much money is poured into the troubled market. Former Erie Street Market manager Peter Kepler says, our investigation only scratched the surface. Statements obtained by NBC 24 shows, the market is boasting a \$47,000 profit, but that's only because of \$138,000 in city grants.

March 28, 2007

Forced into Foreclosure!

Matt Trezza / Package / 2:00

If your home is in foreclosure - you are not alone. Ohio tops the list for home foreclosures! Lucas County has one of the highest foreclosure rates in the state according to a new state study. But why northwest Ohio? And what can over-extended homeowners do to avoid losing their homes? Credit counselors say there are a lot of reasons why our region's foreclosure rates are so high. But most of it is tied to two things: the overall slump in the auto industry and so-called "predatory lending" practices. With high-paying blue collar jobs leaving the area, money's becoming scarce for lots of folks, making it hard for them to catch - and even harder to keep - the American dream. Theresa Kim's home is now up for sale. She has no choice; she can't afford to live here anymore. She was also a victim of so-called "predatory lending," taking on a mortgage with an adjustable rate that adjusted...upwards. After months of working eighty hours a week, she'd finally had enough. Since 1995, Lucas County has seen the number of home foreclosures rocket from just over 1,100 to more than 3,500, an increase of more than 200 percent.

ECONOMY (CON'T)
JANUARY 1 – MARCH 31, 2007

February 8, 2007

Montel Williams

Today's show we meet stay-at home moms and former corporate and career moms who've all turned their "small" ideas into "big" businesses!

March 3, 2007

Montel Williams

Though it's great to have financial abundance, success is much more than money. It's also having peace of mind, doing what you love, being challenged by what you do, and making a good living at it. Jack Canfield, co-creator of the "Chicken Soup for the Soul" series, will share the principles he's studied, taught and lived by for more than 30 years.

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RELIGION
JANUARY 1 – MARCH 31, 2007

January 18, 2007

Fr. Robinson Civil Case Dismissed

Jim Blue / Package / 1:45

A judge dismissed a civil lawsuit in which a woman accused a Roman Catholic priest - convicted in a separate case last year of killing a nun - of taking part in ritual abuse ceremonies nearly 40 years ago.

Lucas County Common Pleas Judge Ruth Ann Franks granted a motion to dismiss the case filed on behalf of the Rev. Gerald Robinson, the Catholic Diocese of Toledo and others named in the suit, as NBC24 first reported on NBC24 at Eleven and on www.nbc24.com. In the lawsuit, the woman, who was not identified, claimed that Robinson and other clergy members tortured and raped her as a young girl in a church basement. Robinson's attorneys have denied the woman's claims. Mark Davis, the woman's attorney, said he plans to appeal the decision.

February 11, 2007

Take a Spin on the Belief-O-Matic

Arielle Berlin / Faces of Faith Package / 2:00

One God or many? Reincarnation or no life after death? There are so many choices when it comes to religion, it can be confusing to know where you stand. One Web site even promises to help you discover your religion in just a few minutes. So, step right up ladies and gents, and take a swing at the Belief-O-Matic, an online quiz that promises to know what faith you are, even if you are not sure. Sounds like fun and games, right? According to a local professor of religion, that's about all it is. "I think its best treated as kind of a religious parlor game," says Dr. Richard Gaillardetz, Catholic Studies professor, University of Toledo. "I don't think it's very helpful as a way of identifying deep religious convictions.

February 16, 2007

The Spirituality of Marriage

Arielle Berlin / Faces of Faith Package / 2:00

This past Valentine's Day many couples spent the day snowed in together due to the blizzard that hit the Midwest. But sometimes relationships can be just as rocky as the weather outside. While trying to untangle the challenges in his own marriage Dr. Richard Gaillardetz, a local professor of Catholic Studies at the University of Toledo, began to examine spirituality and its connection to marriage.

A new revised edition of his book, "*A Daring Promise - A Spirituality of Christian Marriage*," is his way of helping people maintain a life-long commitment to each other while emphasizing God's presence in their relationship. "I prefer to think of spirituality as the way in which we gracefully attune our lives to the rhythms of God's presence," Dr. Gaillardetz says. If, as the college professor says, God's presence is everywhere, all the time, then spirituality is a part of everything we do, in very relationship we have, including marriage.

March 4, 2007

Celebrating the Jewish Holiday of Purim

Arielle Berlin / Faces of Faith Package / 2:00

The Jewish community is celebrating Purim. It's a joyful holiday, but its message has serious undertones. Thousands of years ago - an evil leader named Haman tried to destroy the Jewish people. The Jews prevailed and celebrate every year during Purim. But behind the costumes and parades, Jewish leaders say, there is an important message that rings true to people of all religions today. The story of the Jewish holiday of Purim plays out much like a fairy tale. There's a powerful king, a beautiful queen, and an evil villain named Haman. With violence raging in the Middle East...Rabbi Weinstein says the lesson of this holiday can be understood in all religions. Even though the message today is serious...this is one of the most joyful of all the Jewish holidays.

March 6, 2007

Funeral Services for Toledo Police Detective Killed

Live Coverage

NBC24 provided live coverage of the funeral services for Toledo police detective Keith Dressel at both the church and the cemetery. Thousands turned out to pay final respects to the first Toledo police officer killed in the line of duty in 37 years.

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CRIME
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February 16, 2007

Blogger Maintains Fr. Robinson's Innocence

Jim Blue / Package / 3:00

Within the next few months, lawyers for Toledo priest Gerald Robinson will be crafting their appeal. Robinson's supporters maintain he is innocent -- despite his conviction in the 1980 murder of Sister Margaret Ann Pahl. And recently, I met one of Robinson's most passionate defenders -- a blogger, who will only be satisfied when the disgraced priest gets a new trial. Laura James is fascinated with murder. From her home in Detroit she authors the CLEW historic true crime blog. And she was caught up in the Robinson case from the beginning. James objected to the prosecution calling another Catholic priest as an expert on ritual. Father Jeffrey Grob saw disturbing symbols in the stab wounds on Sister Pahl's chest -- arrayed in the shape of an inverted cross. Laura James' blog has become an internet rallying point for Robinson supporters. Most in Toledo -- others around the world. James says only one thing will satisfy her, and that is testing DNA found on Sister Pahl's undergarments against that of confessed serial murderer Coral Watts. Watts has admitted killing 80 women -- some in and around Detroit -- during the same period as sr. Pahl's murder.

March 2007

Adrian Daycare Provider Investigation

Aaron Brilbeck / Multiple Packages / Various Lengths

More charges are expected against an Adrian daycare provider, accused of molesting the children in his care. Police say they've identified another victim. But they fear there could be dozens more out there. This case is so disturbing, the Adrian police detective who normally handles child sex crimes had to step down and turn the investigation over to another detective. And he says he can't even imagine how many victims there could be. Douglas Jay Clark made his first appearance in court today. Clark, 52, is accused of using his business, Guardian Family Daycare on Erie Street in Adrian as a place to prey on children. Police say they found pictures and videos of Clark molesting children when they searched his home. Investigators say they've now identified seven of the children in those videos. But they fear there could be many more victims. Police say one possible victim claims to have been molested by Clark more than 20-years ago. Police plan to file 27-more charges against Clark. That's on top of the 44-charges he already faced. Parents looking for a daycare provider should consider three tough questions before leaving their child.

March 29, 2007

Double Homicide in Bowling Green

Multiple Stories / Multiple Packages / Various Lengths / Multiple Live Remotes

Two people were shot and killed during the early morning hours of March 29, 2007 in Bowling Green, OH, in what police said was a domestic dispute. The suspect in the shooting Daniel Craig, Jr. fled the scene and is the subject of a manhunt. NBC24 provided continuous coverage of the murder, the issue of domestic violence, family reaction, and of course the on-going search for the suspect.

March 30, 2007

University of Toledo Point-shaving Scandal

Multiple Stories / Multiple Packages / Various Lengths

NBC24 has learned that a University of Toledo football player has been charged in a point-shaving scheme. Scooter McDougale, a senior on the Rocket football team has been charged with aiding a McComb County gambler in recruiting athletes to shave points and fix games. In the criminal complaint McDougale told the FBI that he received a car, a phone, and other things of value. However, McDougale insisted that he did not personally affect the outcome of any games. The charges were filed in an affidavit in U.S. District Court in Detroit. No other players were identified so it's unclear how many players or what teams may have been involved in the scheme. The University of Toledo held a meeting Friday afternoon to discuss the situation. Details of that meeting were not readily available.

CRIME (CONT)
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March 31, 2007

Fight Breaks Out During East Toledo Murder Investigation

Kylie Conway / Package on Murder Investigation / 1:30

Kevin Mullan / Package on Tasing Incident / 2:00

A fight broke out Saturday morning after upset family members started to interfere with an East Toledo murder investigation, police said. Sgt. Richard B. Murphy, Toledo Police spokesperson, told NBC24 that police were called out shortly after 9 a.m. on a report that a person was down inside an apartment at 1401 Mott near Elgin in East Toledo. A meter reader discovered the victim, Ricardo Horton, 29, of Toledo. She knocked on the door, but there was no response. She told police the interior door was open and she looked into the apartment. She thought it was vacant. She was about to leave when she saw the victim lying by the back door. She notified police. Neighbors told police that Horton and another person were outside the residence around midnight making lots of noise. Family members tell NBC24 that Horton was found shot. However, police would only say that the death was suspicious and the Horton suffered a wound to the head. He had been living there the last several months. While police were attempting to remove the body, some of Horton's family members wanted to see the body. They crossed the area marked by yellow tape and were confronted by authorities. One man was tazed during the confrontation. Police arrested Jerry Holbert, 22; Allen Sims, 30; Camille Daniels-Williams, 34; and Keith Stall Holbert, Sims, and Daniels-Williams, were charged with obstructing justice, resisting arrest, and misconduct in a police emergency. Holbert, 22, also has outstanding warrants --- Toledo Detectives were talking with him. Sims, 30, was the suspect who was tazed by Toledo police. The three were released Saturday afternoon.

January 30, 2007

Montel Williams

Richard "The Ice Man" Kuklinski will go down in history as one of the most vicious killers of all time. Named "The Ice Man" for his signature disposal of his victims in freezers to throw off forensic investigators, Kuklinski was officially linked to six deaths, but admits to being responsible for over 200 murders. Kuklinski was a real life "Jekyll and Hyde," leading a double-life as a professional assassin and a family man.

An interview with his daughter, Merrick, says she tried to keep the peace in her family.

March 1, 2007

Montel Williams

Today, we look at four murder cases featured on Court TV's Forensic Files that almost went unsolved. In each case, the killer would have gotten away if it weren't for the forensic evidence that was left behind.

March 8, 2007

Montel Williams

Over a million people a year are the victims of some type of violent crime. More and more people are taking an active part in solving their own crimes so that justice can be served.

January 9, 2007

Dateline

In September 2003, a beloved friend and mother of two, disappears without a trace. Her husband, a former San Diego youth minister and polygamist, claims she left him for another man. However, friends' suspicions turn into a criminal case with her husband ending up on trial for her murder. Keith Morrison reports

January 13, 2007

Dateline

Keith Morrison reports on a tale of twin sisters leading very different lives. When one disappears the other takes on her identity and goes undercover to find out what happened, uncovering secrets that would eventually lead authorities to solve her twin sister's murder.

January 20, 2007

Dateline

Edie Magnus updates her investigation into a deadly subway push that stunned a city in January 1999—asking, with a history of violence, how did this killer slip through the cracks?

CRIME – (CONT)
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February 6, 2007

Dateline

“Dateline Predator Tuesdays” with Chris Hansen will be catching predators, men who target young teenagers over the internet in Long Beach, CA

February 13, 2007

Dateline

“Dateline Predator Tuesdays” with Chris Hansen will be catching predators in Murphy, TX (Part 1)

February 20, 2007

Dateline

“Dateline Predator Tuesdays” with Chris Hansen will be catching predators in Murphy, TX (Part 2)

February 27, 2007

Dateline

“Dateline Predator Tuesdays” with Chris Hansen will be catching predators in Flagler Beach, FL (Part 1)

March 6

Dateline

“Dateline Predator Tuesdays” with Chris Hansen will be catching predators in Flagler Beach, FL (Part 1)

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First Quarter 2007 station involvement in the community various events

Toledo Spread the Red

NBC24's Shenikwa Stratford participated in the annual Toledo Goes Red for Women sponsored by St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center. The mission was to raise women's awareness that heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women. The American Heart Association called for nominations of local women to represent the Toledo Goes Red for Women movement as a feature Go Red Ambassador in 2006.

Local American Red Cross Blood Drives

On going throughout the first quarter 2006, WNWO, NBC24, and NBC24.com provided information on the upcoming blood drives for the Western Lake Erie Blood Region of the American Red Cross. This list broken down by county and then the date with a phone number provided for additional information and a link to their website www.redcrosstoledo.org

Fugitive of the Week

WNWO NBC24 has developed an exclusive partnership with the Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force and the United States Marshals to profile a fugitive of the week every Tuesday during NBC24 Tonight --- Our 11 p.m. newscast. As of the end of the fourth quarter 2006, 57 fugitives have been captured. This is an on-going series.

Faces of Faith

Every Sunday night on NBC24 Sunday at Eleven, Arielle Berlin takes a look at issues surrounding religion in Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan.

Following ER

Every Thursday night on NBC24 at Eleven, NBC24's Shenikwa Stratford takes a look at medical and health issues in Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan.

Mom's House

NBC24 News Anchor Shenikwa Stratford was honored by Mom's House on February 5, 2007. Her involvement with Mom's House led to the creation of a scholarship fund in her name by Toast Net, an internet service provider. Mom's House provides help for young ladies drop out of school after becoming pregnant. This year, they are raising money to hopefully expand their services. NBC24 was a co-sponsor of an auction and benefit gala.

First Quarter 2007 station involvement in the community various events

Making Strides against Breast Cancer

NBC24 was proud to promote the Great Strides Walk on March 24, 2007. Today, there is more hope than ever for people touched by breast cancer. However, there is still much work to be done to promote early detection and to help those impacted by the disease. Because of our Making Strides against Breast Cancer events, we are able to continue our local programs of breast cancer education, patient services and advocacy. And, of course, we continue to be the largest nongovernmental supporter of breast cancer research. We're ready to kick off another incredible year and happy you've chosen to make strides against breast cancer with us! Hope starts here...with us!

Making Strides against Breast Cancer is a noncompetitive walk supporting the American Cancer Society's unique mission to fight cancer on four fronts: research, education, advocacy, and service programs.

Adopt America

At Adopt America Network, we have made it our mission to find good families for the children who wait in foster care. We believe that home and family are essential to the well being of every child. Each of us needs the experiences and memories of being a loved member of a family. Adopt America Network is different from other adoption organizations because in addition to the staff at national headquarters in Toledo, Ohio, we have a volunteer network of Adoption Specialists spread across the nation willing to help other families learn how to adopt a child and eager to help them find the right family for each child. These trained volunteers are all parents of adopted children with various special needs. Go to our [Contact us page](#) and click on your state to send a staff member an e-mail or call a staff member at the Toledo Headquarters to find out more about adopting.

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