



# Media Announcement

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## **KCPT to Air Special Edition of *The Local Show* "Mental Health Awareness"**

Thursday, March 22, 2012 at 7:30pm

Local Kansas City high-profile suicides motivated KCPT producer Sandy Woodson to investigate the issues surrounding depression and suicide. The compelling result of her in-depth study is "Mental Health Awareness," a special edition of *The Local Show* airing on March 22 at 7:30pm.

This special edition will offer the four-part series in its entirety. With reports and interviews Episode One illustrates the Kansas City connection to the issue of lives of unbearable pain.

Episode Two deals with what Kansas City psychologist Dr. Linda Moore states is the initial symptom experienced by so many -- depression -- and how to catch it early.

What to do when someone you know is considering suicide, attaining the needed level of help, is thoroughly discussed in Episode Three.

Learning to cope after the suicide of a friend or family member leaves one asking, "What could I have done?" Episode Four discusses the devastating loss of those left behind and how individuals and support groups can be beneficial.

Overwhelming positive feedback from the initial showing of the series has resulted in this special edition which will be rebroadcast additional times and will soon be available online.

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