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Not in Our Town: Light in the Darkness

Thursday, September 22, 2011

Special Edition of *The Local Show* at 7:30pm

Not in Our Town: Light in the Darkness at 8pm

Thursday, September 22 at 7:30pm on 19.1 HD, KCPT's primetime public and cultural affairs program, *THE LOCAL SHOW*, will feature several segments showcasing local efforts to combat acts of hate and bullying in our community in conjunction with the PBS documentary *Not In Our Town: Light in the Darkness*, which highlights communities coming together to stop hate. The acclaimed PBS program airs immediately following this special edition of *THE LOCAL SHOW* at 8pm.

Hate makes a lot of headlines, but people across the country and locally are working hard to develop important and brave ways to oppose bigotry and bullying in their own communities and beyond. Hate has no place in our towns, our schools, or anywhere, and together we can stop it.

This important edition of *THE LOCAL SHOW* will feature the following stories:

- Watch a trailer for the PBS documentary *Not In Our Town: Light in the Darkness*, a powerful one hour documentary special about a town standing together to take action after anti-immigrant violence and a wave of attacks against Latino residents devastates the community of Patchogue, New York. The documentary was screened locally at the Screenland Crown Center on September 13, where our cameras also captured a special appearance by Pascual Marquez, local Regional Director for U.S. Department of Justice, Community Relations Service, discussing hate crimes in Kansas City.
- Miss Kansas 2007, Alyssa George, sits down with Nick Haines to speak about her personal experience as a victim of bullying when she was young, and the bullying-prevention presentations she gives to school students throughout the metro region.

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- See excerpts from the Kansas City Anti-Violence Project's documentary *Rise Up, Speak Out: LGBT Youth Overcoming Violence in Kansas City*. Teens of diverse sexual orientation and gender identity share their stories of how they have been bullied or discriminated against and the resources they have found to cope with the violence and harassment they have experienced.
- The late Bronia and Mendel Roslawowski were long-time owners of the M&M Bakery and Delicatessen at 1721 East 31st Street, down the street from KCPT. Bronia Roslawowski was also a Holocaust survivor. See video excerpts from Bronia's oral testimony recorded by the Midwest Center for Holocaust Education (MCHE) as part of its Witnesses to the Holocaust project. Roslawowski shares her experiences during the Nazi-occupation of Poland, including her time spent at the Auschwitz concentration camp. For additional information on the Holocaust and/or testimonies of other local Holocaust survivors and the MCHE-produced documentary *The Holocaust: Through Our Own Eyes* go to www.mchekc.org.
- Author and bullying expert SuEllen Fried travels to schools throughout the region, providing anti-bullying workshops and training. Fried shares an emotional and moving story from one of her school visits.
- In June of 2009, Walter Currie, Jr., a Poplar Bluff, MO teen was set on fire in a possible hate crime. *THE LOCAL SHOW* follows up on this story to see what happened in this case, and where Currie and the teen charged with this attack are now.

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